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THE SITUATION IN NEW-ORLEANS.

SHERIDAN'S OUTRAGE REPORT—EXASPERATION OF THE DEMOCRATS—THE QUESTION OF COMPROMISE REMAINS AT A STAND-STILL—DEMOCRATIC HOPES BASED ON MR. PHELPS, OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—THE LEGISLATURE SITTING WITHOUT A QUORUM—WHEN FIFTY-ONE ANSWER THE ROLL-CALL THE CLERK SAYS FIFTY-FOUR HAVE ANSWERED—OVERTURES TO DEMOCRATS TO TAKE SEATS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan 11.—Gen. Sheridan's report of the political outrages, which was telegraphed to the War Department from this city last night, was to-day generally discussed by all classes of citizens, as reported exclusively in the TIMES dispatches. The report was a compilation of statistics regarding murders which the Republican Party assert were committed for the purpose of intimidating negro voters. Most of the information contained in the report had already been elicited before the Congressional Investigating Committees that have from time to time visited Louisiana, and was not new to the people of this city. The reports of murders and bloodshed which the General advances in defense of his recent action here, have been, as will be remembered, to a great extent denied by respectable members of the Democracy. Sheridan is now bitterly denounced for again reviving matters which it is claimed have no bearing upon the present issue. The white people contend that murders which are stated to have been committed months and years ago cannot now be advanced in excuse of the arbitrary breaking up of a State Legislature by the troops of the National Government. No impartial observer who is here on the ground, and who has an opportunity of judging, can for a moment doubt that Gen. Sheridan was and is actuated by the best of motives. He states that his only desire is to secure to Louisiana a peaceful government. The whites condemn him, however, because, as is generally known, and will not be denied, he acted and is acting without even the most casual investigation of the condition of affairs in this State. He says himself that he is no politician and desires to keep aloof from all political complications, yet he has undoubtedly allowed himself to be greatly influenced by the most corrupt politicians here. United States Marshal Packard has been in frequent consultation with him and is known to have furnished a great part of the data for the outrage report. By such men the General has been led to firmly believe that the mass of the people of Louisiana are ripe for rebellion and anxious for bloodshed. That Packard and his clique have deceived Sheridan appears to be the general impression. He has acted and is acting, however, from the honest conviction that he is right, and not a few of the best Democrats here express the belief that the United States Marshal and not the Lieutenant General is to blame for the occurrence of the 4th inst.

THE QUESTION OF ARBITRATION.

There is a growing desire among the leaders of the Democracy to have the contest for the Governorship decided by the members of the Investigating Committee that were recently here. Gov. Kellogg stated to-day that he would abide by whatever decision might be rendered, but neither the Lieutenant Governor nor the other State officers have signified their willingness to do so. They state that they will consent to no arbitration or compromise until Congress has acted. The Democrats are anxious for arbitration, believing that Mr. Phelps, of the Congressional Committee, would look favorably upon their claims. They openly state this.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Two of the Democratic members of the House to-day received overtures from the Republicans. They were shown how it would be to their advantage to come into the ranks of their opponents, but refused to do so. Why the Republicans are anxious to bring a small number of Democrats over to their side will be understood when it is stated that they are now holding daily sessions without a quorum.

SKILLFUL COUNTING.

Your correspondent was present this morning at the opening of the session. When the Clerk called the roll only fifty-one members were present. He announced, however, that fifty-four had answered to their names, and business was proceeded with. The Democrats claim that fifty-six, or a majority of the members from all the Assembly districts, constitutes a legal quorum. The Republicans claim that fifty-four, a majority of those returned, is a quorum. As stated above, however, they hold sessions with only fifty-one present.

MEETING OF COLORED CITIZENS—RESOLUTIONS SUSTAINING AND THANKING GEN. SHERIDAN—CAUCUS OF DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE—OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT OF A NEW ELECTION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—A large meeting of colored citizens of New-Orleans was held to-night for the purpose of indorsing the action of Gen. Sheridan regarding the affairs of Louisiana. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting is fully assured of the truthfulness and perfect reliability of the statements made to the War Department by Gen. Sheridan; that this meeting most heartily indorses the same, and believes that the representations of Gen. Sheridan to the Executive at Washington are only deficient in that they do not express one-half the outrages to which the Republicans here have been subjected for several years past.

Resolved further, That the heartfelt and sincere gratitude of this meeting is due to Gen. Sheridan for the interest he has manifested in behalf of an oppressed and long-suffering race, and for his expressed determination that justice shall be meted out to all with an even hand, and that illegal and revolutionary organizations shall be suppressed.

A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The Democratic members of the Legislature were again in caucus, to-night, and after a protracted debate resolved that within a day or two they would proceed to organize a Legislature of their own. This will be done for the purpose of having the meetings recorded, and, as they state, to demonstrate to the country that they have in their hands the machinery of Government. The meeting will adjourn soon after the formal organization. No effort will be made to transact business.

THE ELECTION SCHEME.

The opposition to the new election scheme grows stronger among the Democrats. To-day Gov. Kellogg received the following telegram in relation to the matter:

To Governor Kellogg:

There will be no new election. Be firm and we will win the fight.

This was signed by United States Senator West.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE RETURNING BOARD TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—OPENING OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Ex-Gov. J. Madison Wells, President of the Returning Board, arrived in this city to-day from his home in Rapides Parish, and will leave for Washington at once to give testimony before the Congressional Committee.

The public schools opened to-day. The attendance was large, and no trouble occurred.

DEPRECIATION IN NEW-ORLEANS STOCKS IN TWO YEARS.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Mr. J. M. Seixas, by request of the Congressional committee, has compiled a statement from the files of the *Price Current*, showing the depreciation in value of the leading bank and other stocks in New-Orleans, and the estimated depreciation in city securities for two years, from Aug. 17, 1872, to Aug. 15, 1874. The following in round numbers closely approximate the result:

Bank stocks, $10,250,000; shrinkage, $5,500,000; street railways, $4,250,000; shrinkage, $1,250,000; miscellaneous stocks, $3,000,000; shrinkage, $1,000,000; insurance, $7,000,000; shrinkage, nearly $2,500,000; city securities, nearly $22,000,000; shrinkage, $4,150,000. Total shrinkage in two years over $14,000,000.

THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

A MEETING IN WASHINGTON—FACTS ADMITTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE—THE CALL ON DE TROBRIAND BY THE DEMOCRATS—EXTENT OF THE PLOT TO SEIZE THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The full Committee on Southern Affairs had a meeting to-day, and heard read a part of the contemplated report of the subcommittee. Nearly two hours were occupied in consultation on the subject. The report of the subcommittee will not be completed before to-morrow evening, and perhaps not till Wednesday. It is understood that the full committee desired greater prominence to be given to some of the personal observations of the committee, and requested some modifications in other particulars, not interfering, of course, with the statement of facts. The organization of the Louisiana Legislature, which was witnessed by all the members of the committee, will, by request of the full committee, form a prominent feature of the report. It seems that all the members of the subcommittee agree in the statement that the actions of the Returning Board were fraudulent, and that the Democrats should really have had a majority of the House of Representatives, if the count of the board had been honestly made. The correctness of this conclusion is not generally doubted among Republicans. Whether the whole committee will conclude to rest the case on the report of the subcommittee is yet undetermined. There was a strong feeling two or three days ago in favor of the full committee proceeding to New-Orleans, but the members are anxious to avoid going if possible, and may, perhaps, decide to leave the case where the subcommittee has left it. If, on the whole, the report should seem to be incomplete or not to cover the whole case, the committee will go to Louisiana and finish up the work of the investigation which has been begun. The committee is disposed to act deliberately, and not be driven into prematurely determining the question at issue.

AN EXTENSIVE PLOT.

There is one fact concerning the purposes of the Conservatives in seizing the organization of the Legislature which has not appeared, and which may not be stated in the committee's report. The seizure of the Lower House was but a small part of the scheme for obtaining Conservative control of the State. It was the intention, if they had secured the organization of the House, to recognize the Conservative Senate of two years ago, and with the House and Senate in their possession they intended to impeach Kellogg and all the other Republican officials, and to obtain complete control. This purpose was openly avowed by some of the leading Democrats, and cannot be concealed or evaded, as a part of the Democratic Senators who have been acting with the Kellogg Senate did not meet with that body, and have not been in the Senate since. The entire operation of the Conservatives was a high-handed outrage, in violation of all law and order. Whether this will justify any violation of law in the subsequent actions of the soldiers is another question.

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE TROOPS.

As illustrating the dependence of all parties in New-Orleans upon the United States military forces, the call upon Gen. De Trobriand by Wiltz is interesting. The Police were present in the hall, and yet the Conservatives, who complain so bitterly of military interference, appealed directly to the soldiers, without inquiry whether the Police would or could protect them. The same error was made on the other side. The Republicans ought first to have tried to sustain themselves by aid of the Police. If they had failed to secure protection in this way, a better foundation would have been laid for the call upon the military.

OUTLINE OF THE SENATE DEBATE.

THE GALLERIES CROWDED—MR. SCHURZ'S ARGUMENT—REPLY OF MR. MORTON—MR. HOWE TO SPEAK TO-MORROW.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The announcement that Senator Schurz would speak to-day on the Louisiana question drew to the Senate a great many more persons than could be crowded into the galleries. Many seats were occupied an hour before the meeting of the Senate. On the floor of the Senate, in rear of the Senators' seats, chairs and sofas were placed to accommodate the numerous persons privileged to occupy the floor. Among those on the floor were Secretaries Robeson and Belknap, and many members of the House. Senator Schurz spoke with more than his usual earnestness, and was listened to with marked attention by the Senators and the galleries. He opened by declaring that he would discuss the question with no partisan feeling. The success of no party could benefit, and the defeat of no party injure him. After reciting the occurrences at New-Orleans on January 4, including the military interference, he asserted that in a constitutional government, be the proceedings attending the organization of a State Legislature ever so good or ever so bad, such an interference must always be looked upon as a defiance of the spirit and a gross violation of the purposes of free institutions. There was no justification for the interference of the military. There was no insurrection nor domestic violence, and it would be insufficient to urge that the insurrection of Sept. 14, furnished the authority for the employment of troops on Jan. 4. That insurrection was ended, and there were no insurgents in New-Orleans a last week. The operations of the military were against the lawful Legislature of the State. Suppose the members of that body were not legally elected, suppose the Legislature was not properly organized, where is the law that authorizes United States troops to decide upon election returns, interpret the laws of a State, and determine questions of parliamentary law? Suppose violence was threatened, where is the law that authorizes the national military forces to invade the Legislature of a State. He admired the military achievements of Sheridan, but he has clouded his great fame by riding over the laws of the country, and trampling under feet the liberties of the people. Sheridan had shown that he is competent to fight for, but incompetent to govern, the people. Senator Schurz then dwelt on the future effects of such interference, and expressed the belief that if it were not rebuked, constitutional liberty would be obliterated, and the administration of government would become a mere machine for manufacturing partisan majorities. He reviewed the condition of society at the South at the close of the war, and said the disorders and violence which had existed were the offspring of circumstances created by the war, and, had they been properly dealt with, would have long since been entirely removed. All laws could have been enforced without making the people discontented. He condemned the constant interference of Congress with the local governments and the creation of laws conferring on the National Government dangerous powers. He closed by saying the real question at issue should not be hidden by the report of outrages committed and intimidations practiced. The lawlessness of power has become far more dangerous than the lawlessness of the mob. If this military interference is to be justified, it must be justified by the law and not by the arts and technicalities of lawyers.

Senator Morton replied to Senator Schurz, reciting the outrages committed on citizens who acted with one political party, and claiming it was the duty of the Government to interfere and suppress those outrages and afford the fullest protection to all its citizens. Senator Howe obtained the floor and will address the Senate to-morrow.

THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET.

THE SPECIAL MESSAGE IN PREPARATION—THE REPORT OF DISSENSIONS GROUNDLESS—MR. BRISTOW ON SHERIDAN AND THE WHITE LEAGUE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Cabinet held a special meeting to-day and had Louisiana affairs under consideration. It was expected that the special message of the President would be sent to Congress this afternoon, but there is another day of delay necessary to complete the preparation of documents to accompany it. The message will probably be sent in to-morrow. Its general scope has heretofore been fully foreshadowed.

The sensational reports of Cabinet dissensions have no sufficient foundation. That there is a difference of opinion on certain features of the affairs at New-Orleans is well known, but thus far there is no such want of harmony as to make any disruption necessary or probable. The slightest divergence of opinion among Cabinet officers is seized upon, of course, by those persons whose object is to foment excitement and create difficulties, and is magnified for their purposes. Secretaries Fish and Bristow and the Postmaster General do not approve the use of the military nor the recommendations of Gen. Sheridan; but as there is no purpose to adopt his objectionable recommendations, there is no occasion for any resignations on account of them.

SECRETARY BRISTOW ON THE WHITE LEAGUE.

While Secretary Bristow is quite as pronounced in his disapproval of Sheridan's recommendations as any of the members of the Cabinet or Republicans in Congress, he is not inclined to palliate or soften the offenses of the White League. He says of that organization that it is wicked and inexcusable, but he believes that it is far more extensive and more dangerous in its character than is generally supposed. He thinks that in a Government of law any armed organization not made in pursuance of law is dangerous to the public peace. He would go to the very verge of constitutional power in breaking up the White League organization. He does not see that it is in any respect better in its purposes than the Kuklux organization, though it presents an appearance of more respectability. There is certainly a disposition to slur over and excuse the acts of these people, and to represent that the purposes of the White Leaguers are peaceful, and that they are disposed to be obedient to law. The evidence which will be furnished by the President in connection with his special message is likely to dispel much of the popular misapprehension on this subject. Since the existence of the White League organization is undoubted, it is right that the whole truth should be known concerning it. If its character is as bad as Secretary Bristow believes, and his opinion certainly ought to have great weight, there can be no legal or constitutional measures for its suppression too severe to be adopted by Congress.

WENDELL PHILLIPS' VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

HE THINKS GEN. SHERIDAN IS ENTIRELY RIGHT, AND URGES AN ENERGETIC SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The following letter was received here this morning:

BOSTON, Jan. 9, 1875.

SIR: I intrude on your time to thank the Administration for the course taken in Louisiana. Sheridan's judgment is entirely correct. You must have, or easily obtain, abundant evidence to sustain him. I trust the President will support him promptly and vigorously. Be sure the North will rally around Grant in such circumstances. I wish to express to him my gratitude as a citizen for the decision and sagacity in dealing with the White League. One firm, decisive hour will scatter the whole conspiracy. Left to itself it will keep the South in a turmoil, and land her in bankruptcy if not in rebellion.

Respectfully, WENDELL PHILLIPS.

To Gen. BELKNAP, Washington, D. C.

PUBLIC OPINION.

AN INDIGNATION MEETING TO BE HELD IN BOSTON ON FRIDAY—THE SIGNATURES TO THE CALL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—The movement for a public meeting in Faneuil Hall to give utterance to the voice of Massachusetts on the Southern question, and to protest against the recent military interference with the Legislature of Louisiana, has taken form, and petitions are circulating for a meeting on Friday at noon. The call at the Merchants' Exchange put out this afternoon has already received the signatures of many prominent citizens. The list is headed by Charles Francis Adams, and following are the autographs of Samuel C. Cobb, the Mayor of the city; William Gray, William Endicott, Jr., Franklin Haven, Francis Parkman, James Freeman Clarke, Frank W. Bird, Alexander H. Bullock, Ex-Governor of the State; Theodore Lyman, Alderman John T. Clarke, and many others.

SENTIMENT OF UNION SOLDIERS IN ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 11.—A memorial is being signed by a number of Union soldiers to contradict the statement of those who published the card on Sunday last denouncing Gen. Sheridan at New-Orleans.

THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL ON LOUISIANA.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 11.—Both branches of the City Council unanimously adopted the following resolutions to-night:

Whereas, The President of the United States, in violation of the provisions of the Constitution and in derogation of the rights of a sovereign State of the American Union, has directed an invasion of the State of Louisiana by a military force of the Federal Government, and unwarrantably interfered with and subverted the legally constituted legislative assembly of that State; and

Whereas, The conduct of the President in thus assuming to override and set aside the authority of a sovereign State is such an usurpation of power as should call forth the indignant protest of the American people, irrespective of party; therefore,

Resolved, By the first and second branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the invasion of the State of Louisiana by the military forces of the Federal Government, under the direction of the President of the United States, and the interference with the Legislative Assembly of said State, is an arbitrary and unlawful exercise of power which threatens the existence of civil liberty and the maintenance of Republican institutions.

Resolved, That while we condemn the conduct of the President as unlawful and unjustifiable, we heartily commend the people of Louisiana for the forbearance which they have exhibited in the midst of the severe ordeal through which they are now passing.

INDIGNATION MEETING AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 11.—In pursuance to a call signed by about forty prominent business men for a public meeting, to consider and take action regarding the recent interference with the Louisiana Legislature by the military power, the Mercantile Library was well filled to-night by a very respectable and orderly class of citizens, including many prominent merchants and professional men. Judge J. D. S. Bryden presided, and Capt. Isaac M. Mason was Secretary. Speeches were made by Col. James O. Broadhead and Hon. Henry C. Brockmeyer, condemnatory of the action of the President in interfering with the rights of the people; in managing their own affairs, and a series of resolutions adopted to the same effect, amid much applause.

ACTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Jan. 11.—After spirited debate, the House of Representatives adopted the following this evening in regard to Louisiana affairs:

Whereas The unparalelled usurpation perpetrated upon the sovereign people of one of the States of this Union, in which duly elected members of its General Assembly have been forced from their seats by Federal bayonets, demand from this body some suitable expression of earnest sympathy and emphatic protestation, therefore

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a special committee of seven, whose duty it shall be to give befitting expression to the deep commiseration this House entertains for the suffering people of Louisiana, and its utter condemnation of the unwarranted assumption and tyrannic exercise of the military power by their oppressors, and report at their earliest convenience.

THE COAL OPERATORS AND MINERS.

A CONFERENCE AT HAZLETON—THE MINERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED REDUCED BASIS.

HAZLETON, Penn., Jan. 11.—A conference between delegates of the miners and operators took place here to-day. The delegates represented 6,000 men, and the total number to be affected by a suspension will amount to 20,000. All the delegates expressed great opposition to the proposed basis, and a determination was expressed to hold out against it. The miners resolved that there should be an open meeting between the delegates and the operators. At the opening of this meeting Mr. Pardee spoke for the operatives and Mr. Williams followed for the miners. The circular was then read by President McGarvey, of the Miners' Benevolent Association, and he in conclusion told the operatives that the miners had come together, and the unanimous result was, that they refused to accept the offer of the operators, but said the miners would agree to a suspension of the operators for one month. The meeting finally adjourned subject to the call by the members of both committees. The general feeling is that there will be a great strike and be worse than that of 1869.

REVOLT IN A PRISON.

ATTACK ON THE INSIDE GUARDS—THE FAMILY OF THE WARDEN AND THE GUARDS IN PERIL—TROOPS SENT FOR.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 11.—The convicts in the Penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb., under the leadership of the notorious McWalters, about 3 P. M. to-day, overpowered the inside guards and gained possession of the armory. They then drove the outside guards from the walls, shooting Julius Goshen in the knee, wounding him severely, and another who is reported to be dying. They also fired several shots at citizens who were approaching with arms, and wounded two of them. The Warden was absent in the city. His wife, children, and a female convict are locked up in the upper part of the building. Grave apprehensions are felt for the safety of the guards and the Warden's family, as the convicts are desperate men. The Warden and a large body of armed citizens are patrolling outside of the prison. The convicts, having procured citizens' clothes by stripping the guards, are momentarily expected to sally forth. Gov. Furnas having applied to Gen. Ord for aid, a company of troops left to-night on a special train for Lincoln.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The internal revenue receipts yesterday, were $547,897 70.

The amount of National Bank notes received yesterday, for redemption, was $464,010.

Final steps were taken by the Sheriff at Fort Garry, Man., in the outlawry of Reid, on Saturday, at St. Boniface.

The weather at Fort Garry, Manitobah, is very cold, the thermometer registering 42 degrees below zero on Sunday night.

The boiler of a grist-mill at South Yarmouth, Mass., exploded Sunday, shaking the village and destroying property worth $5,000.

The body of an unknown man was discovered early yesterday morning at Goose Island, on the north side Chicago. The head was nearly severed from the trunk, and numerous stabs had been inflicted on various parts of the body. The cause of the murder is unknown.

A boiler in Tyson's Baltimore Chromo Works, corner of Block and Point streets, Baltimore, exploded yesterday afternoon, killing William Lucas, a colored employe, and causing damage to the extent of $10,000. The business of the works will be continued as usual.

THE LAKE SUPERIOR AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD WITHOUT A CHARTER.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 11.—The State Supreme Court of Minnesota to-day rendered its decision in the case of Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames vs. The Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company, to the effect that the charter of the company is unconstitutional and void; consequently the railroad is without any chartered rights whatever.

WASHINGTON.

CURRENT TOPICS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE FRAUDULENT CLAIM OF MR. SUGG FORT, AND HOW HON. R. R. BUTLER, OF TENNESSEE, OBTAINED ITS PAYMENT—A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—In response to a resolution of the House, the Secretary of the Treasury has sent to that body a letter in relation to the Sugg Fort claim, in which he says:

"As appears from the records of this department, the papers in the claim were filed in the office of the Third Auditor on the afternoon of the 30th of June last. They were forwarded from the office of the Commissary General, and recommended by that officer, who is specially charged by the law of July 4, 1864, and the joint resolution of July 28, 1866, with the investigation of this class of claims. The claimant, Sugg Fort, and Hon. R. R. Butler, M. C. from Tennessee, accompanied the papers, and as shown by the affidavit of the Third Auditor, upon the urgent representations of Mr. Butler respecting the validity of the claim, the necessity for immediate action, and the peculiar hardships of delay, after some hesitation the account was made special, and stated by the Auditor, so that it might go to the Second Controller that afternoon. The papers were transmitted accordingly to the Second Controller, and were followed by the claimant and Mr. Butler. Such representations were again made by the latter gentleman, as, added to the favorable action of the Commissary General and the Auditor, induced the Controller, after an examination of the papers, to affirm the report of the Third Auditor, carrying into effect the recommendation of the Commissary General. A requisition from the War Department was then obtained, which was countersigned by the Second Controller, registered by the Third Auditor, and such further proceedings had in the presence of Mr. Butler, and on his request, as secured the preparation of the warrant, although the afternoon was then far advanced. The warrant was signed about 6 o'clock P. M., by J. F. Hartley, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and countersigned by the Acting Third Controller, in accordance with the usual course of business. Mr. Hartley states that there was nothing whatever to arouse his suspicions in performing what, at most, after the action of the accounting officers, he regarded as an ordinary ministerial duty. The warrant thus executed was presented to the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Tuttle, without delay. He drew his draft for the money—$23,723 50—on the Assistant Treasurer at New-York. The draft was registered the same evening by the Register of the Treasury, and was paid by the Treasurer of the United States the next day, July 1, 1874. The draft is indorsed Sugg Fort and R. R. Butler, the money having been received by the latter. Subsequently, the attention of the Secretary having been called to the fact that the claim had been rejected by a committee of the House, and other circumstances having been brought to his knowledge, he, on the 21st of October, requested Henry H. Smith, clerk of the House Committee on Claims, and Charles Benjamin, clerk to the Commission of Claims, to investigate the claim thoroughly, charging them to inquire strictly into its validity and history. The report was submitted Dec. 5, 1874, and establishes in their judgment the fraudulent character of the claim. The report was submitted to the Solicitor of the Treasury, who on Dec. 28 informed the Secretary that he had completed his inquiry, and being of the opinion that the facts developed by the investigation, on the whole, established the fraudulent character of the claim, he had directed an action of *assumpsit* to be brought against the claimant, in the United States Circuit Court at Asheville, to recover the money. Further civil proceedings will also be instituted against other parties, if it shall appear necessary or advisable. The solicitor has also invited the attention of the United States Attorney of this district to the case, with instructions to cause the same to be brought before the Grand Jury at the earliest day, for inquiry and action.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE SPECIE PAYMENTS ACT.

In the House to-day Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, introduced a bill supplementary to the bill to restore specie payments. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 1 provides that on Nov. 1, 1875, and for five months thereafter, any person may present at the Sub-Treasury United States legal-tender notes in sums of $50 or any multiple thereof for exchange for gold and receive gold in exchange at the rate of $90 for $100 in notes, and for each period of four months thereafter the rate shall be successively advanced one per cent. in gold until July 1, 1878, and on and after Jan. 1, 1879, exchanged at par.

Section 2 provides for presenting gold at the Treasury to be exchanged for notes at a rate one per cent. less than that for exchanging notes for gold.

Section 3 provides for issuing Treasury certificates for either class of funds, if such funds shall be at any time insufficient to meet the demands, which certificates shall be received for all payments due to the United States, and payable in the funds represented by such certificates.

Section 4 provides that the notes redeemed under the third section of the act "to provide for the resumption of specie payments" shall not be reissued, but be canceled and destroyed.

THE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC APPROPRIATION PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

The House to-day, in Committee of the Whole, considered the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill. It appropriates $1,344,785. After discussion, the bill was reported to the House, and passed.

EXPENSES OF ENTERTAINING THE HAWAIIAN KING.

In the House to-day Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill appropriating $25,000 to defray the expenses of entertaining the King of the Hawaiian Islands. Pending the vote upon it, the House adjourned.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Commander Joshua Bishop has reported his arrival home, having been detached from the Benicia, North Pacific Station, on the 15th ult., and has been placed on waiting orders. Assistant Engineer Rowbotham, has reported his return home, having been detached from the Hartford, Asiatic Station, and has been placed on waiting orders.

DELEGATE CANNON—THE QUESTION OF HIS EXCLUSION.

The Committee on Elections to-day directed the Chairman to prepare a report in favor of the resolution for the exclusion of Delegate Cannon from a seat in the House on the ground of his being a polygamist. The committee was not full, and the question will again come before it on the report.

A BRIG LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Jan. 11.—On Thursday night last, during a snow-storm, the brig Agnes Raymond, Capt. Randall, ran ashore at White Island, near Dover, thirty miles from Halifax, and became a total wreck. When some fishermen discovered the wreck on Friday morning no person was on board, and there is no doubt that all hands were lost. The crew, doubtless, took to the boats, which were swamped, as two boats were washed ashore in the neighborhood. There were probably eight persons on board. The vessel was laden with salt.

The Inaugua, for Halifax, at the latest accounts, was entirely dismasted and stove in.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—1 A. M.—Falling barometer, north to east winds, cloudy weather, rain and sleet have prevailed in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, with rising temperature in the latter; the barometer has risen in the upper lake region, Upper Mississippi Valley, and the North-west, with falling temperature and increasing cloudiness, but now falling in the last two sections and the Lower Missouri Valley, with northeast to east winds, partly cloudy weather, rising temperature and occasional snow. The Mississippi River has continued slowly rising at St. Louis, Vicksburg, and New-Orleans. The Cumberland and Ohio are falling.

PROBABILITIES.

During Tuesday, in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, rising temperature, north-east to south-east winds, and cloudy or rainy weather will prevail, except partly as snow in the last section.

For the Middle States, falling barometer, slowly rising temperature, north to east winds, increasing cloudiness, and light rain, sleet, or snow.

For the lake region, high, followed by falling, barometer, rising temperature, winds shifting to north and east, generally cloudy weather, and snow.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys and the North-west falling barometer, north to east winds, cloudy weather, and snow, followed by rising barometer, winds shifting to north and north-west, clearing and very cold weather.

For New-England, winds shifting to north and east, slowly rising temperature, increasing cloudiness, followed by falling barometer and possibly snow. The Ohio and Cumberland River will continue slowly falling, the Mississippi at Vicksburg and New-Orleans rising.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year, as recorded at Hudnut's Pharmacy:

	1874.	1875.		1874.	1875.
3 A. M.	35°	7°	2:30 P. M.	40°	23°
6 A. M.	38°	6°	6 P. M.	37°	21°
9 A. M.	35°	10°	9 P. M.	34°	20°
12 M.	41°	17°	12 P. M.	32°	19°

Average temperature yesterday.....15.8°

Average temperature for corresponding date last year.....35.5°

ICE IN THE HUDSON.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The thermometer at this point indicates two degrees below zero. Sleighs are crossing the river at Rhinebeck. A ferry is still running at Poughkeepsie; also at West Point. Persons are crossing on foot at Peekskill. The steamer Walter Brett is frozen in at Haverstraw.

TWO DEATHS FROM COLD.

TORONTO, Ontario, Jan. 11.—A cold snap is again prevailing throughout Ontario, the thermometer ranging from zero to twenty-five degrees below. An old woman, a vagrant, was found frozen to death in her hut, on the mountain road, near Hamilton, last night. A man named Ambrose Kite was also frozen to death on the pine plains, near Stayner.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Masson College, Terre Bonne, Quebec, was burned to the ground yesterday morning. The fire broke out in the chapel, and in less than two hours the entire building was destroyed. The pupils saved their personal property, and the college furniture was partly saved. The total loss on the college aggregates $100,000; insurance, $20,000. No lives were lost.

The Cheltenham Fire-Brick Works, owned by Evans & Howard, situated about five miles from St. Louis, Mo., were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, $50,000; insurance as follows: In the Commercial Union, London, $5,000; Lancaster Insurance Company, Manchester, Eng., $5,000; Fire Association, Philadelphia, $2,500; Hartford, $2,500, and $5,000 in St. Louis companies.

Late on Saturday night Messrs. Russell & Watson's dry-goods store, Ottawa, was damaged by fire to the extent of $2,000. Ragott's clothing store, on Wellington street, was burned to the ground. The loss is $36,000, insurance $15,500.

A fire broke out yesterday in Ragenc's restaurant, Fort Garry, Montana, destroying the entire block, owned by McDermott, and the adjoining law-office of F. McKenzie. The loss is about $15,000; small insurance.

A fire yesterday morning at No. 87 St. Paul street, Montreal, destroyed the roof and upper flat. Mrs. Choquette, aged seventy-five years, and a young man named Gerard were burned to death.

Three houses at Hochelage, Canada, belonging to Mr. Williamson, were burned to the ground at midnight last night. Loss, $12,000.

ARKANSAS.

DECISION IN THE BROOKS-BAXTER SUIT BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 11.—The Supreme Court to-day decided the Brooks-Baxter case on the appeal from the Circuit Court. The decision below is overruled, and the suit ordered to be dismissed for want of jurisdiction. The court holds to the opinion announced in the *quo warranto* decision of 1873, that the courts have no jurisdiction over contests for the office of Governor.

THE REPORTED COLLISION BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA AND ABBOTSFORD—AN EXPLANATION.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Jan. 11.—The report circulated by some of the newspapers that the steam ships Pennsylvania and Abbotsford, of the American Line, had collided at sea, and had both put back to Queenstown for repairs, is incorrect. The facts are that the Abbotsford was known for some days to be bound east under sail, with her machinery disabled—refusing all assistance, however, until the Pennsylvania, of the same line, fell in with her, took her in tow, and brought her into Queenstown. While the ships were maneuvering to exchange hawsers at sea they came slightly in contact, but this had nothing whatever to do with the putting back of the Pennsylvania to Queenstown with the Abbotsford in tow. The Pennsylvania put back to Queenstown solely to aid the Abbotsford.

UNITED STATES TROOPS WANTED IN WEST VIRGINIA IMMEDIATELY—A DEMOCRATIC STORY.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—A special dispatch to the *Enquirer*, (Democratic,) from Charlestown, West Virginia, says the following telegram was sent to President Grant to-night:

"Send troops here at once. Not a single negro is allowed to take his seat. The utmost anarchy prevails. What must I do?

(Signed.) "H. W. BRAZEE,

"United States District Commissioner."

A RESCUED CREW.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—The ship Annie M. Smull, from New-York, which arrived to-day, reports having picked up in the Straits Le Maire a boat containing the Captain and wife, Steward and wife, two Mates, the Carpenter, Sailmaker, and four seamen of the British bark Willie T. Thomson, of St. John, N. B., burned fifteen days previously.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The State encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will assemble in this city on the 20th inst., with its headquarters at the Brackett House. The encampment promises to be the largest ever held in the State, and the posts of this city are making extensive preparations for the occasion.

THE NEW-YORK PROTEST.

THE MEETING AT COOPER INSTITUTE LAST NIGHT.

AN IMMENSE AND TUMULTUOUS ASSEMBLAGE—MAYOR WICKHAM ELECTED CHAIRMAN—SPEECHES BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT AND HON. WILLIAM M EVARTS—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED—ADDRESSES BY OTHER SPEAKERS.

The indignation meeting at Cooper Institute last night was a success as far as numbers went. At 7:30 o'clock the hall was crowded to repletion, and by 7:45 it was impossible to reach the platform from any of the main entrances. During the interval which elapsed before the arrival of the speakers, the crowd found ample amusement in witnessing the struggles of refractory individuals whose uproarious conduct required their removal by the Police. At 7:45 Hon. August Belmont, and several other very well-known representatives of the Democracy, appeared upon the stage, and were greeted with wild applause. At the sight of Mayor Wickham the cheers were redoubled, and when Hon. William M. Evarts emerged from the dense crowd which packed the rear of the platform, the audience waxed more enthusiastic than ever. At 8:05 Mr. William Cullen Bryant arrived, and was heartily welcomed. Mr. Belmont then rose to propose as Chairman of the meeting Mayor Wickham. Mr. Belmont's remarks were frequently interrupted by disturbances in the portion of the hall to the left of the stage, and it was with extreme difficulty that the speaker could make himself heard. Mayor Wickham's speech on taking the chair was a tolerably fair one, although smacking toward the close of more Bourbonism than was in accordance with the professed object of the meeting. Mr. Bryant, who followed, spoke in an ordinary tone of voice and seemed by no means unduly excited. At the close of his address Mr. Simon Sterne took the stand and read a series of resolutions, which were received with cheers, mingled with such exclamations as "Down with Sheridan!" "Hang Grant!" "Impeach him!" The resolutions were then put and carried. Mr. Evarts, who was next introduced, was hailed with tumultuous applause. His manner was unusually firm and resolute. Commencing with a reference to "the non-partisan character" of the meeting, he went on to the discussion of the main question, carefully avoiding all side issues, and emphasizing his words with a grace and strength of oratory such as is rarely witnessed in a political gathering. As he warmed with his subject, the "non-partisan" character of his auditors was well illustrated by the loud hisses and muttered curses with which the names of President Grant and Gen. Sheridan were greeted. Toward the close, the orator commended the Kuklux and Enforcement acts and other laws to protect the Southern blacks in their right to vote. He said he thought that in case their (the blacks) rights were invaded, his Democratic friends would protest against it

and purged it of the Conservative members, as they are called, by thrusting them into the street. My friends, such a method of changing the Government of a State may do for Spain, but it will not do for this country. A few years since, while Isabella was yet on the throne, Gen. O'Donnell, dissatisfied with her Ministry, sent his soldiers to turn them out, and they did it. He replaced the obnoxious Cabinet with one of his own, and the Government went on in new hands. We are in the habit of managing things differently here, and, by God's help, we shall continue to do so hereafter. We have a Constitution, my friends, and by that instrument the President has no right to intermeddle in the affairs of a State, save in two cases—first, to protect the State from invasion, and, second, on application of the Legislature, or the Executive when the Legislature cannot be convened, to protect the State against domestic violence. These are the only cases in which the President of the Federal Republic can interfere with an armed force in the cause of peace. When domestic violence is threatened, the Legislature or Executive of the State must ask for his interference, or he cannot move without violating the Constitution which he is sworn to observe and obey. What authority, fellow-citizens, is there in these provisions for the President to set himself up as a judge of elections, and drag from the legislative chamber those whom he chooses to regard as having no right to their seats? He should have left this to the courts of law. He might as well, if he should be candidate for a third term of the Presidency, send his minions to disperse the Electoral colleges in those States in which they refuse him their vote. He might as well send another Sheridan to pull the gentleman whom we have just elected Governor of this State out of the Executive chair. He might with just as good a warrant disperse this meeting by sending a band of armed men to clear this hall at the point of the bayonet. How happens it that men educated to the profession of arms at our national military school seems not to understand what are the rights of the citizen and what the due limits of the military power? If Gen. Sheridan, that daring soldier, but despiser of civil rights, had either been properly trained or had not forgotten his training, he would never have obeyed the mandate which ordered him to New-Orleans on that guilty errand. He would have said: "I owe my education to this Republic; I was brought up to be its soldier and servant and not the vassal of the President. I have taken my life in my hand and gone into the civil war to defend and preserve the Constitution of my country, and I will not raise my hand to violate it. I would almost as soon cut the throat of my mother. I would tear off my epaulettes, and break my sword, and fling the fragments into the Potomac sooner than go upon so impious an errand." That is what he should have said.

A former application of Gov. Kellogg, of Louisiana, made to the President for military aid four months since is used as the pretext of this invasion of the legislative chamber of Louisiana. That application had its effect at the time the President issued his proclamation of warning, and the people submitted. There were four months of peace. A new state of things has arisen, and it is was attended with danger of domestic violence the President should have been requested to interpose. But no such request was made—in fact, there was no danger on which to found the request. It is nonsense to say that turning five members out of the legislative chamber is no protection against domestic violence. How long is such an application as that made by Gov. Kellogg in force? It good for four months it is good for forty—good for a century. Let me relate an anecdote which will illustrate this point: Some seventy years since there lived in Berkshire, Mass., a lawyer noted as a humorist, and known as Major King. A client of his was prosecuted for killing a horse. This was in the time of the insurrection called the Shays War, and all the evidence produced against him was that he was seen in the road half a mile from the field in which the horse was pastured, and that he shouted "Hurrah for Shays!" Then, said Major King, rising to address the court, "if a shouting 'Hurrah for Shays!' can kill a horse at the distance of half a mile, then is my client guilty, otherwise he must be acquitted." Fellow-citizens, if we are to believe that Kellogg's application for military aid in September authorizes this violence of the Federal soldiery in January, we may as well admit at once that calling out "Hurrah for Shays!" may kill a horse at the distance of half a mile.

Great stress is laid upon Sheridan's assertions that the whole State of Louisiana is given over to lawlessness and anarchy, and that murder is the natural and usual form of death in that State. This is solemnly denied on very high authority, but how is this state of things improved by putting five members of the Louisiana Legislature out of their seats and turning them into the street? Sheridan promises to send on a list of murders lately committed. Well, I suppose that if an account of street and tavern brawls in this City were to be made up for the last year—this City in which, by night and day, I have walked for the last fifty years, as I thought, in perfect security and without fear—quite an unpleasant show of bloodshed might be made out; but how would the matter be mended by sending a body of Federal troops to pull five members of the Common Council of the City out of their seats? No, my friends, the wrong done has no possible extenuation. I regard this question solely as a solemn question of constitutional law, and the moment we admit the interference of the military, it should not have been given but in the way of the Constitution—otherwise it is an act from which no citizen has a right to withhold his condemnation. It must be rebuked the instant it is perpetrated. The evil must be crushed in its infancy, while its bones are yet in the egg, and become a universal example and a precedent. These practices, which contemplate the subjection of local politics to the Federal authorities by the exercise of the military power, must be denounced, must be stopped, must be broken up forever.

Let me say in conclusion that the proceedings of this meeting, so far as the great proportion of those who take part in them are concerned, have no party purpose or object. Far from us be the petty and narrow policy which could so pervert them. A sincere desire to preserve the Constitution from violation, and to prevent an act of arbitrary power from becoming a precedent in future, is and should be our single motive.

Mr. John A. Beall then read the following list of Vice Presidents and Secretaries:

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

William Cullen Bryant, Oswald Ottendorfer, Peter Cooper, Howard Potter, William M. Evarts, E. L. Godkin, Manton Marble, William E. Dodge, Peter H. Watson, Edward Cooper, Dr. J. T. Metcalf, James Stuart, Charles O'Conor, William H. Neilson, Samuel L. M. Barlow, August Belmont, John Taylor Johnston, Parke Godwin, Morris K. Jesup, Franklin Edson, Abram S. Hewitt, Augustus Brooks, Charles P. Daly, James W. Beekman, George Cabot Ward, William Butler Duncan, John T. Agnew, George W. Lane, James S. Thayer, Charles A. Dana, William H. Appleton, William Adams, Gilbert M. Speir, Richard Lathers, William Allen Butler, Alfred C. Pell, Dr. William A. Hammond, Hon. William D. Shipman, Eugene Kelly, Wilson G. Hunt, Charles Donohue, John D. Jones, Daniel Kingsland, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles F. Southmayd, Francis G. Shaw, David Salomon, Ivory Chamberlain, James Stokes, Hiram Barney, Townsend Cox, Hon. James Emott, Hugh J. Jewett, Arthur B. Graves, Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, Carl Cohn, Charles Van Brunt, Dr. P. Fabbri, Simon Sterne, John L. Macaulay, Augustus Schell, James F. Newman, Dr. H. F. Quackenbos, John Kelly, John E. Ward, C. C. Baldwin, Gen. Joseph J. Bartlett, Charles P. Kirtland, John E. Williams, Robert L. Cutting, Henry Hall, Elijah Ward, Richard M. Henry, Dr. Austin Flint, jr., F. F. Marbury, Henry Hilmeyer, Col. Richard Vose, Henry Hentz, Charles Tracy, D. Willis James, James Brown, Frederick E. Gibert, John McKeon, Alex. Hamilton, jr., Charles M. Fry, Gen. William W. Averill, Jeremiah Devlin, Frederick R. Coudert, William C. Prime, Sidney Webster, Dr. Louis Elsberg, Montgomery H. Throop, William Watson, John E. Develin, Col. John Jacob Astor, Daniel Van Ingen, George Shea, William G. Lyon, Benjamin Hutton, Hon. James T. Kilbreth, Thomas E. Stewart, J. S. Bosworth, Ernest Beyer.

SECRETARIES.

E. Randolph Robinson, J. Evarts Tracy, David R. Williamson, William B. Reid, Peter B. Olney, Charles Easton, Charles E. Whitehead, William C. Whitney, John E. Johnson, Gen. M. T. McMahon, John Crosby Brown, Henry F. Verhuven, Wheeler H. Peckham, Henry E. Knox, A. J. Vanderpoel, Henry Wilder Allen, John Hay, Dr. Stuyvesant E. Morris, Fred'k H. Betts, Wm. T. Pelton, Col. Jacob Sharp, Francis Lynde Stetson, Alfred Wagstaff, Dudley Johnson, Joseph W. Drexel, William D. Hennen, Theodore Schultz, Joseph Blumenthal, Horace Barnard, J. B. Stillson, Stephen H. Olin, Charles D. Ingersoll, A. M. Browne, Edward L. Paris, William H. Ely, Horatio N. Twombly, James H. Skidmore, Thomas R. Fisher, Gen. Herman Ehrl, D. S. Ritterband, J. McLean Nash, T. Tileston Bryce, James M. Ball, Gen. Louis T. Barney, Burton N. Harrison, John J. Thomasen, D. R. Casserly, Augustus W. Reynolds, James P. Lowrey, Adolph L. Sanger, Julius J. Lyons, E. Graham Haight, Theron G. Strong, Col. C. A. H. Bartlett, Horatio J. Brewer, Ernest G. Stedman, Emmet R. Olcott, John Adrian Bush, Hugh L. Cole, J. Raymond Reynolds.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Simon Sterne was next introduced, and read the following resolutions:

Whereas, It is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law, underlying all free representative institutions, and which our national and State Constitutions embody and enforce, that a sovereign Legislature is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, and that even judicial interference is not tolerated with that high and all-important privilege, and

Whereas, There is nothing in the laws of the United States, nor in the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, which in the least excepts the legislative body of that State from the operation of this ancient natural, and undoubted principle of goverment.

Whereas, Caution and foresight in the exercise of Federal interference with the concerns of the States lately in rebellion are made doubly desirable at this moment by the fact that nearly half the voters of that region are persons only now receiving their first lessons in politics, and who as yet possess no familiarity with the dangers to which constitutional government is exposed, with the means by which it is maintained and defended, and no knowledge of the sacrifice by which past generations have created it, and who, as a matter of fact, look on the Federal Administration as their best friend and most trustworthy political instructor; therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, any use of the Federal authority which teaches these newly-made voters to believe that political problems can be solved by arbitrary processes or displays of physical force better or more readily than by labor, patience, and conciliation, is an offense against the national safety and welfare which calls for the severest condemnation.

Whereas, All intimidation of a Legislature, and especially that form of intimidation which consists in military interference with its organization or debates, or in the display of military force in or about the place of meeting, is sure eventually to convert representation into a farce by making the Legislature in a greater or less degree the creature or servant of the Executive.

Resolved, That we cannot too warmly express our disapprobation of the part which the military forces of the United States have been allowed more than once to play in the organization of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana.

Whereas, On the first of these occasions, in 1872, the Federal troops took possession of the State-house in New-Orleans, and permitted no person to enter the Legislative Chambers except those pointed out to the sentinels by the United States Marshal, the occurrence was rightly considered by the whole country a scandal and disorder of the gravest kind; but, nevertheless, as it took place under cover of an order of a United States Court it was felt by many that the officials engaged in it might honestly plead ignorance of the enormity of the transaction, in spite of the fact that the order in question was, on its face, to use the language of the committee of the United States Senate which examined it, "most reprehensible, erroneous in point of law, and wholly void for want of jurisdiction;" that owing to this occurrence and the discussion it called forth cannot have left the Administration or its officers in the dark as to the serious nature of the objections to the military interference of the Federal authorities with the machinery of State Governments.

Resolved, Therefore, that we have heard with surprise and alarm that the State-house of Louisiana was taken possession of and garrisoned by a Federal brigade prior to the meeting of the Legislature on the 4th of January last; that the members had to make their way, under examination, to their places through lines of armed sentinels, and then proceed to the discharge of their duties inside under the eye of a military commander not subject to their authority, and holding the very building in which they sat as a fortified post; that when disputes subsequently arose between the two parties into which the Legislature is divided over the organization of the House of Representatives, this officer took upon himself to answer the appeal of one side and assume the duties of the Sergeant at Arms and of the Police by repressing a disturbance within the building; and that when subsequently a minority of the House, being dissatisfied with the vote or with the mode of taking it, or with the qualifications of some of those who participated in it, refused to seek the settlement of the controversy by the ordinary and long-established methods of parliamentary law, but appealed to the Governor of the State to interfere with the proceedings, the troops of the United States, at the Governor's unlawful request or command, entered the legislative hall, and then and there settled by force the purely parliamentary question of the qualification of several persons present for seats in the House by expelling them violently from the building.

Whereas, No occurrence of this kind has been recorded in the history of free government without being stigmatized and rightly stigmatized an act of revolutionary violence, and though owing to the peculiar condition of the Southern States and to the multiplicity of our State Legislatures it may seem an event of less moment in Louisiana in our day than it has seemed in other places and at other times, it assumes a character of the utmost gravity when we remember that if it is permissible in Louisiana, whether it shall take place or not in New-York or Massachusetts becomes a question, not of legal right, but of executive discretion; therefore

Resolved, That for this reason, above all, we emphatically protest against it, and declare our solemn conviction that it were better that legislative bodies should be forbidden to meet at all than to be forbidden to meet under their own rules, and surrounded by their own officers, because nothing is more dangerous or demoralising than arbitrary rule veiled by constitutional forms; and that the citizens of New-York, without distinction of party, here assembled, appeal to their fellow-citizens of the whole country to unite with them in this protest.

Whereas, The recent dispatch of the Lieutenant General of the army, addressed to the Secretary of War, suggesting that Congress should pass an act, or that the President should issue a proclamation, in imitation of the dragonnades of Louis XIV., declaring an indeterminate number of his fellow-citizens "banditti," and authorizing him to hunt them down with an armed force, might be passed over as the hasty and ill-considered language of a soldier who, however gallant in the field, has allowed himself to remain inexcusably ignorant of the usages and laws of his country, were it not that it has received the prompt approval of the War Department, accompanied by an intimation that the President and the other members of the Cabinet approved of it; therefore

Resolved, That we cannot refrain from expressing our heartiest reprobation of the dispatch itself, of the atrocious imputation it casts on a large body of our countrymen, and of the Executive sanction which it has received.

Whereas, The outrages on legislative independence, against which we have met to protest, have no legal relation to the problem of reconstruction, properly so-called, and do not arise out of any recent legislation of Congress regarding the States lately in rebellion; and

Whereas, Federal military assistance is to be tendered upon his responsibility by the President, under and by virtue of a provision of the original unamended Constitution, and in answer to a call which the Legislature of any State, or, if not in session, the Governor of any State, may make; therefore

Resolved, That the manner in which the Federal troops have been employed in Louisiana constitutes an abuse of authority which is dangerous to public liberty in an equal degree in every part of the Union.

ADDRESS OF HON. WILLIAM M. EVARTS.

Mr. Evarts, who was loudly cheered on being introduced, said:

MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: I am quite sure that no Republican in this land can honestly complain that in the call and purpose of this meeting his party has not been treated with absolute consideration; for if there was ever an occasion when an opposition party might seek to make demonstrations in its own behalf, and to the prejudice and disaster of its opponent that opportunity was offered to the Democratic Party by the Executive. The Federal Government is all Republican—the President, both Houses of Congress, the subordinate officers, throughout the nation, and in the State of Louisiana itself, the Government, upheld as it is by a Republican Federal Administration, is the Republican State Administration of Governor Kellogg. Now then, judged by ordinary principles of political responsibility, the Republican Party being ostensibly responsible for this high-handed act of military subversion of civil government, our fellow-citizens of New-York, have understood that patriotism and love of liberty and obedience to the Constitution are not the possession of any political organization, and that no political act shall be rightly imputed to the responsibility of any great political party, until by submission it has approved it. [Applause.] You, therefore, are assembled here as citizens of the United States, to teach every political party that there are limits to their competitions and antagonisms which no political party shall safely surpass. [Cheers.] That when men vote, and when their chosen officers meet, and when, without violence, and without demonstrations of insurrection, they undertake the conduct of their political government, no soldier can intervene with them. This nation emerged ten years ago from the great war in which the unmeasured contributions of blood and treasure were poured out in the maintenance of the Government of the United States. And why? Because the people of the United States were determined that the integrity of their territory should be preserved, and they did preserve it. They wish to preserve the integrity of their territory, but that the Constitution of the United States should be upheld and obeyed always. And now every officer of the State and every officer of the nation takes a solemn oath to sustain the Constitution of the United States. But there is one officer who takes *the* singular oath prescribed in the Constitution of the United States, and that officer is the President of the United States. And his oath, gentlemen, is not that common oath that I have named, but it is this, that the great authority confided to him by the whole people, he will exercise subject to the Constitution of the United States. And now the Constitution of the United States, made for troublous times as well as peaceful, undertakes to furnish the measure of power to the Federal Government in respect of interference with the States. There are very firm lines of limitation which, observe, will protect the magnificent symmetry of our Government, for a people of forty millions as now, and of a hundred millions as hereafter, and that is, that the sole intervention of Federal power within the province of State authority shall be to suppress violence, and that this office even it shall not assume except when invoked by the supreme authority of the State, and that supreme authority of the State is under the Federal Constitution the Legislature of the State. [Applause.] And only in a casual condition, not with the Legislature in session, can the Governor represent the State in the demand. No, but only on condition that the Legislature cannot be convened. Under the Constitution, when there is a recess of the Legislature of the State of New-York, as there is from the adjournment in April to the next meeting in January, the Governor of the State of New-York has no authority under the Federal Constitution to invoke the intervention of the Federal power, except in an emergency that does not permit of his convening the Legislature in extra session. And now the situation in Louisiana was that the Legislature was in session, and the Governor had no power whatever to represent that State in the demand for the intervention of Federal authority. And have we, then, been favored by Gen. Sheridan or by the Cabinet at Washington, with any promulgation of the application made by the assembled Legislature at Louisiana for Federal intervention to turn some of their members out? I think not. But it is only in insurrection, or that degree of violence that amounts to insurrection in effect that the Constitution of the United States has provided for this intervention, and it is only in support of that intervention that the Legislature by acts of Congress in 1795 and 1807 has armed the President with authority. Now, for Gen. Sheridan, [hisses,] for whom, for reasons, that I shall state to you, I don't ask that any special measure of your disapprobation shall be visited on him—for Gen. Sheridan, I shall think it fair to take his own statement of the occasion and the manner of his intervention. And it is unquestionably this, that there was insecurity and alarm, and I will agree that Gen. Sheridan has no such timid disposition as that he was likely to exaggerate occasions of alarm, and that there had been some disorders in the State; and then he uses this somewhat uncommon phrase in American politics, "That the military were present as conservators of the peace." [Laughter.] Well, here is a national gendarmerie instead of civil police officers made at once for us. Wherever United States troops are in force I suppose they are to be conservators of the peace, and that this Legislature, being in session, and one party having elected a Speaker—whether by loudness of voice or majority of numbers does not seem to be a military question. Having elected a Speaker and there being disorder thereupon and confusion, the Speaker asked that some United States officer would speak to the crowd and disperse them quietly. Gen. De Trobriand asked if that was his wish, and he said it was, and he spoke to them, and in a moment there was peace. So that if there had been an insurrection it was over, [a laugh,] and the thanks of this orderly body and the Legislature of Louisiana were offered to Gen. De Trobriand for his gallantry in maintaining peace. Thereupon Gov. Kellogg, outside of the Legislature, for he is not a member of it, asked Gen. De Trobriand to take a file of soldiers and go into that Legislature and take out five men that were acting as members of that body, and he did it.

Now, I might be disposed to animadvert with some severity upon this action of the inferior officer, Gen. De Trobriand, or his superior, Gen. Sheridan, were I not faced with a proposition of good government, known to us lawyers in a Latin phrase—*respondeat superior*. The authority that avows and maintains the action of subordinates must be held responsible. And I find that the President of the United States, under the official communication of his authority by the Secretary of War—the President of the United States "and all of us" approve of it. Well, there is nothing said in the Constitution of the United States about the authority "of all of us," and I suppose Gen. Belknap threw "all of us" in to share the glory, though "we" had not the responsibility. But the President of the United States apparently has approved of that action. Now, Gov. Kellogg, if he gave that order, and it was executed, deserves impeachment by the Legislature of Louisiana. [Applause.] I would like to see Gov. Tilden sending in a file of New York soldiers to take out the Republican majority in the Senate when they come to vote for United States Senator, and see whether the Democratic house at Albany, as it is now, would stand patiently by and see the privileges of the Legislature violated by the Governor, because it inured to the benefit of the majority of the House, and was against the majority in the Senate. But Gov. Kellogg we have no responsibility for. Gov. Kellogg wielded the authority of the United States of America, but whoever sustains his power to conduct that authority, or sustains that authority offered to his service and employment in that shape that part of the Constitution of the United States that justifies it, or he must answer for it. Well, now, I go not exactly like the form of argument addressed to the citizens of the United States—which we all are—but we must not be unconcerned or careless about action in Louisiana, for it may be repeated in New-York or Massachusetts. I do not like that form of argument to our selfishness or our fears. I tell you, fellow-citizens of the United States, that when it is done in one State it is done in all the States. The United States, it is our boast, in its frame of government, is vital in every part, and cannot, but by annihilation, die. The Legislature of the State of Louisiana is as much a vital part as the Legislature of New-York, and when its vitality, as a universal power and strength, is safely broken anywhere, it is not sure of preservation anywhere. But, again, we must learn to generalize. Supposing that this intervention by military power to break the action of independent State authority should happen to be executed in Louisiana or Missouri, or any one State, to take out a majority of an electoral college when we were choosing a President, and by the subversion of the vote of that State one man should be chosen instead of the other who would have been if the State had voted, is not that an attack upon all the States? And are that have you then but civil war, engaging vast passions and vast multitudes of men on the question of a disputed presidency? Ah! you never will have that, because then that courage and that common sense of the American people that makes free government possible, and permanent, and strong, will then step in and say, "Here is the limit of political competition and political agitation, and the President that takes his seat on such a title shall have nothing but curses and imprisonment, and not the enjoyment of power. For I submit to you, fellow-citizens, that the moment we make it a complacency on the one side that profits by the action, largely or little, and disappointment of political success on the other, our liberties are gone, and the preliminaries of election are useless if a usurpation can step in and find the parties divided on the question whether they shall sustain the usurpation or not. It is for that reason that this crowd here to-night is not Democratic, it is not Republican, but it is American. [Loud applause.] We all know it. Thus far we have only the President that has approved—for Gen. Belknap's "all of us" is mere surplusage—but the moment Congress approves (for they have no voice, no action, no authority, but they debate, they sustain, they maintain) the right of a file of soldiers to dominate the Legislature, will not any one admit that the Republican Party is to be held responsible for the action until you have given us Republicans a chance to say and do what we will say and do on the subject. I have observed a growing disposition on the part of the depositories of political power to separate themselves more and more from the popular support of the party that gave them their authority. I see the first evidence of that, as a warning to them, in the silence of our voices that the Democratic Party has appropriately in a majority in the most powerful States. But if the depositories of power of the Republican Party are ready to put themselves before the country upon the constitutional proposition that a file of soldiers can empty a State Legislature under any circumstances proposed by any body as prevailing in Louisiana, I think those representatives in power of the Republican Party will find they have as few supporters in their own party as they have in the Democratic Party. I think they will find it about as easy convincing the people of the United States that they must conquer their prejudices against this mode of maintaining authority, as a good many politicians found in satisfying the people of the North that they must conquer their prejudices against the methods of the Lecompton Constitution in Kansas. I remember speaking in 1856 at the first meeting to protest against the agitations which led to the great trouble in the country, and within four months afterward, in the City of New-York, the sentiments, the opinions, and the conduct that were represented at that meeting had only 6,000 votes. But how many years was it before it had votes enough to control every State in the Union, and had arms, and treasure, and united counsels, without distinction of party, carrying it on to triumph and victory for the maintenance of the Constitution? And we gained two things—that the American people never would submit either to have their territory mutilated or their Constitution corrupted. Now, the laws of Congress require that whenever a situation of violence in the State on which the Federal power of invasion should be lawfully applied exists, the exercise of that authority by the Federal Government should be accompanied by a proclamation requiring the insurgents to disperse. Now, I believe a proclamation of that kind was issued some months ago, and they all dispersed. They all dispersed. How long will it be that the Federal authority, thus promulgated, will be peacefully obeyed by a malcontent State population having just grievances, if they learn that the next thing the Federal Government does, after they have dispersed, is to use violence itself in suppressing their rights, [applause,] if their dispersion is only to make it possible for the Federal Government to do by violence just what it intended to do when the insurgents had held together, the Federal Government would have needed to do by its whole army. Is not it the interest fraud in the world to carry back this action in respect to this Legislature, on the 4th day of January, to an insurrection that was terminated months ago by the peaceful separation of the parties?

Now, gentlemen, I have detained you too long. There are other troubles at the South, in respect to which and their suppression the Federal Government is armed with extraordinary power. By a late act of 1871, whenever any combinations or conspiracies exist against the State laws and the United States laws, to the effect of suppressing any of the rights, privileges, or immunities of citizens of the United States, and the stated authorities of the State are either unable to protect, or for any reason fail in or refuse them protection, then it is lawful for the President of the United States to use the Militia, and the army and navy, to maintain those violated rights. If, when the election in Louisiana was held, there were organized bands, combinations, and conspiracies, which intimidated the poorer voters, which intimidated the black voters in the State of Louisiana, then was the time for the President of the United States to have interfered and suppressed these violent combinations and conspiracies that trampled upon the right of suffrage, though in the meanest voter of the land. I hope it will be long before the City of New-York will know a distinction of party, will not respond with the same voice and energy as to-night, against any combinations or conspiracies in any Southern States that are framed with the purpose of intimidating the voters of the South in the exercise of their suffrage. I shall be as ready to speak, my associates here of the Democratic Party will be as ready to speak, at a meeting of that kind, in that emergency, as we are to speak now. But we do not want, three months after an election is held, and when there has been no violence, no combination, and no conspiracy, or at least no exercise of authority to suppress it, to have the authority exercised by emptying the Legislature, because a military officer, or the President of the United States, thinks that somebody was prevented from voting at the election. [Applause.] This fundamental right of the Legislature to control, to determine the qualifications and the constitution of its own body, is of the very essence of legislative government. What use is it to give the purse and the sword to the House of Commons or to the House of Congress, if the King, or the President, by military power, can determine who and what the House of Congress or Parliament shall be. And that is what they fought for in England. The indubitable and ancient rights of Parliament to hold the purse was in danger from the claim of royal power that it could determine the qualification of the members of the House of Commons, and then after a while the House of Lords assumed the power and right to determine the qualifications of the membership of the House of Commons. But in 1694 the House of Commons determined that the qualifications of its members were at its own final disposal, and that the ancient liberties of the House of Commons required it, and no King, no House of Lords, has questioned this power of the House of Commons since. [Applause.] For these reasons the people of the United States are justified in concern at this marked interference with the supremacy of the civil power over the military, and the absolute abstinence of Federal power, except upon the invocation of the Legislature for the suppression of actual violence, and its withdrawal necessarily after violence is suppressed. Now, I don't know whether there is to be a sequel to this matter or not. I think not, but Lord Bacon said long ago that soldiers in peace were like chimneys in Summer, and that only when the fires were lighted did they come into use. [Laughter.] I should be sorry to think that there were any calculations that the patriotism of this people could be inflamed for political purposes only by the more virulent agitations that belong to civil strifes; but if there be any such sequel in any man's mind, let us see that it is summarily dismissed from it, and the voice of this people teaches all its rulers that in time of peace and the powers, all the authorities, all the officers, and all the magistrates are servants of its laws. [Cheers.]

LETTERS RECEIVED.

The following letters were then read by Mr. Sterne:

FROM HENRY R. SELDEN.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1875.

August Belmont:

DEAR SIR: Your telegram, in behalf of the committee, inviting me to speak at a meeting to be held at Cooper Institute on Monday next, in regard to the recent military proceedings in Louisiana, is received. Engagements in court will prevent me from going to New-York at that time. My information in regard to the grounds assumed in justification of those proceedings is very imperfect, but the facts, so far as I can gather them from the telegraph accounts, furnish no warrant for the intervention of the military power. However well intended the acts of the military authorities may have been, the precedent if sustained by the people will be fraught, as it appears to me, with the utmost danger to republican institutions. Every instance of the unrebuked exercise of unlawful power, even harmless in its immediate effects, will be counted a dangerous example in after times. I am glad that the movement to which you call my attention has been made, and hope that those engaged in it will calmly and firmly, not as partisans, but as citizens, express their condemnation of this unwarrantable exercise of military power—not doubting that the whole people, with rare exceptions, will join in such condemnation.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY R. SELDEN.

FROM CLARKSON N. POTTER, M. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11, 1875.

August Belmont, Chairman,

DEAR SIR: I thank the committee for their invitation. That your meeting is not a partisan one I understand. The danger and illegality of Executive interference, whether State or Federal, with the organization of a State Legislature, is a question in no way dependent, as I think, upon the condition of affairs in Louisiana. But the late interference there is sought to be justified or excused by that condition, and as I am one of the subcommittee of Congress on that subject, I do not think I ought to speak upon either question in advance of the report.

CLARKSON N. POTTER.

FROM FRANCIS KERNAN.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1876.

August Belmont, Chairman:

I regret that I cannot be with you personally this evening. I shall be with you in spirit to unite with the citizens of New-York in their protest against this bayonet-thrust at liberty in Louisiana.

FRANCIS KERNAN.

REMARKS OF JAMES S. THAYER.

Hon. James S. Thayer then addressed the meeting. He had never before, he said, seen so many interested and anxious faces, and he was glad that they were there united on the great question which had been precipitated on the American people. Less than ten days ago the Legislature of the State of Louisiana met at its Capitol in the City of New-Orleans. That body was organized with a legal quorum and proceeded to transact its business. Within a brief space, however, it was interrupted by the entrance of a United States military officer, backed by a military force, and that officer with a file of soldiers organized the Legislature in his own way—for what or for whom was a question not to be misunderstood. An indignant protest was made, but in vain, and that despotic act had aroused an alarm and excitement throughout the country which was without parallel in its history. Gen. Sheridan's dispatch was a confession that a military force had entered the State Capitol, that it was there under the direction of the Governor of the State, that it removed five Conservative members of the Legislature, and that they were removed because they had no right to be there, and that this military squad made itself the judge of such right. They would remember that this act was accompanied by every attribute, by every circumstance, which could add to the enormity of it. There was nothing to modify or relieve it. What was it, he asked, to suspend, to destroy, to wipe out a co-ordinate branch of the State Government? It was not an ordinary usurpation. It was a usurpation which led to the question to whom does the present legislative body in Louisiana belong? Those persons whom the people of Louisiana had elected to represent them were not there. Well, perhaps it belonged to Grant, perhaps Sheridan would claim his share, and perhaps so would every soldier that had participated in organizing it. Whenever those in power went outside of the laws of the country, then it was that one arbitrary act would follow another, and that the strong hand should hold the state together or anarchy would reign. Hence the idea of a third term, [laughter,] an idea arising from the supposition that the people had become accustomed to look without alarm upon the exercise of military force. Once let the President and a military power enter the legislative body and where was the State? It was in the hands of the General and the army. He had organized that Legislature; it was a Legislature of his own, and Louisiana discovered it. When that had presented to them that evening the principle that when one State was stricken down by an act of usurpation, the whole country was similarly stricken. The evil might begin in the extremities, but it was certain that in the end it would reach some vital part of the system. Then came to them that night from the borders of the Gulf, from the fairest and sunniest land in the South, the wail of a dying State. She asked for sympathy in the State of New-York, wrapped as she was, in her ghostly shroud, her sovereign robe torn from her, and that shroud pinned with a bayonet. Louisiana asked for their sympathy. She did not venture to ask for their respect, but she did venture to appeal to their ears that the cup of oppression which she had drained to the dregs might, in the progress and advance of despotism, be passed to their own lips. Men might say that if it were passed to them they would refuse to drink of it; but he ventured to assert that if there were any citizen of the State of New-York who did join and sympathy with Louisiana, he would be the first to receive that cup with white and craven lips and drain it to the dregs. But he saw by that meeting that the love of liberty survived in the hearts of the American people. He begged that no one would dismiss the subject from his mind with the idea that this was the end of usurpation, and that it was better that the Federal Government should interfere in time, in order to preserve peace and prevent bloodshed. This case was not of that order. It contained the question whether a State should be stricken down or not. He asked the audience also to dismiss the idea that there was authority in the transaction. He did not propose to go beyond the bounds of propriety that should be observed, but he did not think that the subject could be comprehended in all its dimensions unless they regarded for a little the circumstances which had led up to this arbitrary act. But here they were confronted with what he feared would be another attempt to revive the question of Southern outrages, a question which it was time should be settled forever. He was sure the feeling of the City and State of New-York was to come back to peaceful relations with the South, and to the associations and commercial intercourse which formerly existed. He would not allude to the circumstances which succeeded the act of despotism beyond asking why it was that Maj r Gen. McDowell has been overlooked, and Gen. Sheridan sent to New-Orleans. They could not, he said, mutilate a single State without impairing the strength and symmetry of the whole nation, and therefore he asked the sympathy of the great City of New-York for Louisiana, and would, he said, conclude by wishing that they might return to relations of friendship and brotherhood with a State from which they had been long separated.

REMARKS OF HON. W. E. DODGE.

Mr. William E. Dodge was next introduced, and spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: I am here to-night, not as the representative of any party but as one of the oldest merchants of the City, to express what I honestly think is the feeling of the business men of the country. I do not come to denounce the general policy of the Administration, nor the party with which for many years I have been identified, but to frankly object to the further interference by the General Government with the legislation of the Southern States, or in any way to attempt to influence the votes of those States, or decide as to the results of their elections. [Cheers.] Ten years have now passed since the close of the war, and there is a very general feeling that the time has come when we should all adopt the language of the President and say, "Let us have peace." It was not reasonable to expect that such a radical change in the social system of the South, by which four millions of slaves were emancipated and then enfranchised, could have taken place without more or less friction in their local governments. I submit that there has been less than might, under the circumstances, have been expected, and that the slaves, as a general thing, have disappointed the people North and South by their quiet and peaceful behavior. Many predicted that they would not work, and that the cotton-fields would lie waste, and this no longer be the principal country for producing that staple; but facts have decided this question. The last two years have been fully up to the average years, before the war. What the South now needs is capital to develop her resources; but this she cannot obtain till confidence in her State Governments can be restored, and this will never be done by Federal bayonets. They must be left to work out the problem among themselves. The freedmen must choose for themselves, in view of all their interests, to which party they will belong. It would never do for them to suppose that they are always to be in opposition to the whites as their only safety, and that the General Government will protect them. They must be made to understand that in many things their interests are mutual, and it will be far better for them if they cast in their lot with the different parties, so as to secure the influence and protection of that to which they may belong, rather than keep up a constant political war of races. The great object of the war was to perpetuate the union of the States under the Constitution; and now if, after all the cost of blood and treasure, we are to fail in this, and remain as we are, with our Southern States still paralyzed, their cities crushed by taxation, property constantly declining, business conducted under great disadvantage, and their merchants struggling to maintain their credit—to this extent our effort has failed. How can we at the North expect to prosper, when a large part of the Union is suffering? We are told in sacred Scripture that "if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it." Nothing can be truer in this case. Many of us feel that the General Government has made a mistake in trying to secure the peace and quiet of the South by appointing many Northern men to places of trust in the South, who have in their turn been active in securing the votes of the freedmen, and making them feel that the United States Government was their special friend, rather than those with whom their lot was cast, among whom they must live, and for whom they must work. We have tried this long enough; now let the South alone; put them on their own feet, and let them, understanding that, only in case of oppression or insurrection, which the State cannot control, will the General Government interfere. As merchants, we want to see the South gain her normal position in the commerce of the country, nor can we hope for a general revival of business while things remain as they now are. Again, I say, "Let us have peace."

SPEECH OF GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS.

Mr. George Ticknor Curtis was next introduced. He said,

MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: This meeting is called to consider how the republic can be saved. [Applause.] You have all heard a sufficient description of the facts which have brought us together. I will not keep you but a very few moments, while I make a plain effort to define the nature of this act of military despotism in Louisiana. In every country in the world in which free parliamentary government exists, it is a fundamental principle of law that sitting members of the legislative body hold their seats and exercise their functions until they are displaced by order of the body itself. This principle has been in this case ruthlessly violated with the armed hand of the Federal Government. [Hisses and cheers.] My friends, I thought during the war and for some time afterward that I had drained to the dregs the bitter cup of public calamity. I thought I had endured all that a citizen could endure who is a lover of free institutions in consequence of their violations, when I saw the writ of habeas corpus of the Chief Justice of the United States prevented by military power from reaching an imprisoned citizen; when men were seized on the telegrams of the Secretary of State or the Secretary of War and thrown into dungeons; when men not in the army or navy were tried for their lives before military commissions; when the civil tribunals were interrupted, and when, at last, after peace was restored, and there was universal submission to the just authority of the Federal Government, I saw the Southern States dealt with as if they were foreign countries conquered by war, and annexed by right of conquest to the United States. I thought I had endured all that a citizen can endure of mortification, of distress, of despair, for the safety of free institutions. And yet I tried to find excuses for these things. I saw that multitudes of my countrymen, whose patriotism I could not doubt, thought that these things admitted of some excuse, and were willing to believe that they were the permanent danger to the public liberty. I cannot say that I acquiesced in their judgment, but I did try to appreciate their reasons, and now what has happened? Here is an act so dangerous to the public liberty, so bold and reckless a violation of it, so utterly without excuse that the men who have clamored every day for it find it necessary to speak out. [Applause.] Fellow-citizens, many years ago I set myself to study the political institutions of our nation, and to learn and to set forth how and why it was, that out of the throes of revolution, and the sufferings and turmoil of war, there arose this complex and beautiful system of civil liberty that came down to us; and I found that above and beyond all other things of a personal nature it was due to this, that the great leader of our armies, who would lead us to victory and enabled us to achieve a revolution, was a man who had a profound respect for the civil power, and a fixed determination never to permit the military power to obtain an ascendancy. [Cheers.] And from that day to this, wherever I have been, I have kept hanging upon my walls in the best frame I could obtain, an image of that serene and majestic countenance that is enshrined in the American heart in admiration, in good, and patriot

THE BEECHER TRIAL.

OPENING SPEECH OF COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

COURT-ROOM SCENES AND INCIDENTS—THE JUDGE AND THE ATTORNEYS IN THE CASE—MR. AND MRS. BEECHER PRESENT—MR. MORRIS' SPEECH TO BE CONCLUDED TO-DAY.

The actual opening of the Beecher trial was made yesterday morning. The proceedings of last week had been devoted to finding a jury presumably capable of giving an unbiased opinion on the evidence; and when it is remembered how often much longer periods have been exhausted in the same effort in trials on which the public mind has been much less excited than it has on this, the securing of a jury in five days must be regarded as very rapid work. The twelve stood complete at the close of court on Friday evening last. If nothing occurred between that time and Monday morning to impeach the character of any one of the twelve true and good men, then the way was clear, and the real contest would commence. Counsel appeared to have been satisfied with them on Friday; nevertheless, while waiting for the appearance of the legal gentlemen yesterday morning, there was a perceptible anxiety among the spectators on the subject. Everybody who had managed to get a pass to the court-room as a spectator; everybody whom business compelled to be present on the floor; possibly even the occupant of the bench, as well as those of the jury-box, felt some little flutter of uncertainty, doubtful whether they would see the trial actually commence, or be compelled to go over again the wearisome business of finding men sufficiently unbiased to make jurymen of.

At a quarter to eleven the court-room was as crowded as it was at any time during the day. Admission was only given by pass; but even with this sifting out, the gallery had speedily filled after all the chairs and then standing-room had been occupied on the floor. Within the rail the numerous tables were divided, as before, between the press and the bar; but it was tight squeezing, and some confusion ensued. Judge Neilson was already in his place. A grim-looking, hard-featured man, with square head and shoulders—a man not to be trifled with. There was a shade of anxiety on his face, as he sat there poising his gavel, and looking round the crowded room, possibly wondering how in the world business was to be done in so limited a space. It must be added, the public who depend for their knowledge of the trial on the press are somewhat indebted to Judge Neilson's kindly efforts to secure the servants of that institution sufficient room for them to work in. He gave his orders, too, in a surprisingly kindly tone, considering his extreme grimness of look. Everybody at this time was waiting for the appearance of the legal gentlemen. Frank Moulton had come in; so had the plaintiff—Tilton. It was a surprise to those who had not seen him for a few months to note how grizzled his long hair had become. He and Moulton took their seats at the end of the table nearest the bench, beside his counsel, Mr. Beach, Mr. Fullerton, and Ex-Judge Morris. Mr. Pryor was not then present. Of counsel for Mr. Beecher, Mr. Shearman was already on hand—as of course he would be—armed with bags of papers and tin-boxes of the same. He is a fussy little man, with a colorless face, and a high, narrow forehead contracted into a chronic frown. On a peculiarly-shaped nose—which vividly reminds one of a snapping-turtle—rests a pair of gold spectacles, partially concealing his quick, restless black eyes. Mr. Shearman is never still; he is more restless than a grasshopper chased by a rooster. Altogether, he appears very much like the typical sharp attorney of the stage.

While Mr. Shearman was fussing with his papers and everybody else inside the rail was squeezing himself into the narrowest space possible, and the Judge maintained his anxious watch, a sudden buzz and movement announced the entrance of the distinguished defendant. Resting on his arm was a tall, gray-haired lady in black, with a face of which age and motherhood had refined and beautified the expression, yet a stern face withal, and capable of expressing harsh feeling. The couple immediately became the centre of an admiring and curious group, and as Mr. Beecher's many friends hastened forward to interchange greetings, and assist him in removing his heavy overcoat, a buzz sounded through the room, and the whisper went round, "It's Mrs. Beecher, it's Mrs. Beecher." Both sat down at the opposite end of the table to that occupied by the plaintiff, and as it was now 11 o'clock, the Clerk announced that the court was open. But where was Mr. Evarts? Mr. Beach was there, and so was Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Morris; but their learned opponent had not come. There were whispered inquiries, and then suddenly a half-audible exclamation from the throng, "Here he is," as at this moment Mr. Evarts entered the court-room, ten minutes behind time. He advanced to the place set apart for him, removed his overcoat, stood up, and looked around. There was a pause. Was he going to challenge any of the jury; was last week's work to begin again? There sat the twelve jurymen, looking at Mr. Evarts, as, indeed, everybody was. If not a highly intellectual, they at least impressed one with being a thoroughly conscientious jury. They seemed impressed, not to say weighed down and burdened, with the awful responsibility which had fallen on them. And afterward, while the plaintiff's counsel made his opening, the devotion with which they applied themselves, under very trying circumstances, to the task of listening to him evinced a high sense of the duties they had assumed. To be sure Mr. Case occasionally looked a little bored; but that was excusable. Was it possible that Mr. Evarts would challenge? His pause for survey boded something. But it soon appeared that the mind of the distinguished advocate was occupied with quite a different matter. His eye was directed to the very narrow space allotted to the legal gentlemen, and the large amount occupied by the representatives of the press. He broke silence by addressing the Judge on the matter, dryly remarking that while he knew the press was an important element in this trial, still he thought the legal profession had some interest in it, and one or the other interest must give way. These remarks relieved everybody's mind on the jury question, and Judge Neilson ordered some necessary alterations of seats and chairs. Before the slight confusion occasioned by these changes had quite subsided, a low voice was heard from the direction of the jury-box. All who heard it turned that way, and saw that Ex-Judge Morris, counsel for the plaintiff, had commenced the opening address in the great case. All noise immediately ceased, the court-room became profoundly silent; every face was turned toward the orator; and every man's ear was strained to catch the sound of his voice.

This was not easy. Mr. Morris has not, to put it mildly, a very fascinating style of oratory. He commenced his address in a low whisper, not audible beyond the jury-box; then proceeding, he raised his voice a little, rising and falling, with long pauses between the sentences, as if he had not yet thoroughly grasped the thread of his argument. Proceeding a little into narrative, his voice took a sing-song and monotonous tone, like a drowsy sermon. Finally, warming with his subject and depicting the devious doublings of the defendant after the alleged discovery of his crimes, his tone alternated between a shout emphasized by banging a book or paper, and a sepulchral stage whisper breathlessly uttered over the rail of the jury-box, as if the secret were too horrible to speak aloud. Notwithstanding his style, very trying to the patience even of a court-room audience, a profound silence was maintained while Mr. Morris spoke, the spectators taking the opportunity afforded by his long pauses to relieve themselves of half-stifled coughs and other evidences of bronchial troubles very common to this time of year. While the argument proceeded, it being simply an exposition of facts known to everybody who has read the several "statements" which preceded this suit, Mr. Evarts listened intently, occasionally taking notes; so, too, did Mr. Shearman—it would evidently be impossible for him to sit still; Mr. Moulton and the plaintiff listened quietly; the defendant with a set, stern look, while his son, sitting beside him, wrote busily all the time. The painful attitude and bearing of Mrs. Beecher was most marked. She scarcely removed her eyes from the speaker once in the course of his long argument, and while he shouted his denunciations of the husband sitting beside her, pointing his periods with occasional passionate gestures, her features expressed every passing phase of emotion; but chiefly they wore that settled look of pain which seems ever on the verge of relieving itself in a flood of tears, and yet restrains itself. Hers was indeed the only face in the room which really expressed anything like emotion. It reminded one that this trial had its painful side, and was fraught with anguish to many who were not present in that room. Looking elsewhere one saw nothing which could suggest this. The triple row of faces in the gallery, or the similar rows which made a compact human wall on three sides of the room, exhibited many shades of thought, but not of feeling. Most were marked with a look of eager curiosity, some with critical attention, and a few, under the somnolent influences of Mr. Morris' oratory, wore a drowsy look, awakening suddenly as an extra-emphatic sentence startled the room. Thus the morning wore away. Those present who were not mere spectators variously busied themselves. The counsel listened and made notes, the plaintiff and defendant and their friends did the same; the short-hand reporters continued their despairing efforts to catch Mr. Morris' stage whispers, and the grim-featured Judge—counsel's speech having nothing to do with him—kept his eyes wandering round the court-room, and, gavel in hand, watched, ready to silence the slightest disturbance, but happily none occurred. The proceedings after recess presented the same general features. Mr. Morris continued his speech, and his auditors tried to listen. His voice had not improved, nor had his management of it. Any one who reads the report in this morning's papers will get a far more accurate idea of what was said than nine-tenths of the auditors who yesterday filled the court-room. As the hour of 4 approached, and counsel still talked, Mr. Beecher yawned repeatedly. He was tired out, probably, and perhaps Mr. Tilton's feelings were not the most agreeable in the world. Possibly the thought had occurred to both these gentlemen, how very different the scene would have been had either of them been advocating the cause of Mr. Morris. Two of the best speakers of the day might well be excused for getting tired and nervous listening to their case so poorly argued. Mr. Morris had not concluded when the hour for adjournment came, and, in response to Judge Neilson's inquiry, said he should reopen in the morning. The court was then adjourned, and brought a very dull day's proceedings to a close, to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Morris was tired of speaking, and everybody was tired of hearing him speak. The verdict pronounced on his oratory was unanimously adverse. The case seemed too big for him. He appeared to struggle with it as a burden too heavy to carry. The immense mass of details which he had so laboriously accumulated had clearly proved too great for his powers of generalization. The speech will doubtless read much better than it sounded.

After Mr. Morris had fairly opened, commenting on the differences between circumstantial and direct evidence and self-accusation, intimating that the offense they would prove as perpetrated by the defendant would owe much, if not all, of its strength to evidence of this double character, Mr. Morris commenced the eulogy of Mr. Tilton, and spoke of the desolation in his home. A great many of Mr. Morris' points were derived from the reading of Mr. Beecher's letters, which were not delivered with anything like the animus which either a clever or ingenious declaimer might have eliminated from them. In rendering these letters, Mr. Morris made very little effect on the audience; whether they moved the jurymen no one can say. Certainly, since all these letters have become common property, and have been read and reread all over the country, subject to various interpretations, Mr. Morris had no opportunity of giving anything fresh or novel to the court. Occasionally Mr. Morris would be tautological, marring his speech, and the too frequent commencement of his periods with, "Well gentlemen"—with a lengthened accentuation of the last syllable, was not pleasant. Once only was Mr. Morris stopped, but not unkindly, by Mr. Shearman, in regard to the date of one of the Beecher letters.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The court opened at 11 o'clock, and the names of the jurors having been called over, Judge Neilson said: "Are the counsel prepared to proceed?"

Mr. Beach—Yes, Sir; we are ready on the part of the plaintiff.

Judge Neilson—I wish it understood by the audience that under no circumstances should there be any intimation of approbation or disapprobation as to anything said. The audience is here, not to make demonstrations to us, or to signify to the jury what their views may be, but are here expected to conform to the decency of the place and keep silence. I trust they will do so.

Mr. Evarts—If your Honor please, the counsel think we ought to have a little more space assigned to us inside the bar. The burden at present is on our learned opponents, but we will in time be called upon to bear ours, and I think there is more space necessary for the accommodation of the counsel, especially for the speaker.

Judge Neilson—I am desirous of doing what can be done, if you will indicate what you think.

Mr. Evarts—I don't think we have our share of this trial, or the space usually alloted to the Bar. There is a very great public interest attaching to this case, and the presence of the reporters we all appreciate, but clearly the dimensions of the room are such that either one interest or the other is to be attended to.

A larger space was then assigned to the counsel, and Mr. Morris proceeded to open the case on the part of the plaintiff.

THE CASE FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

Mr. Morris said: May it please the Court and Gentlemen of the Jury—I congratulate you that we have at last reached a stage in this trial where it becomes our duty to present the general features of the case on the part of the plaintiff, and it is your duty to listen, as I have no doubt you will do, attentively to the evidence as I shall narrate it to you, and what I have to say in my opening address. It is not necessary that I should remind you of the great importance of the case which you are called upon now to try, and the solemn duty that has devolved upon you as jurors in this case. You are now called from your various avocations to discharge one of the most important duties that has ever, or will ever devolve upon you as citizens. This is no ordinary case that now engages the attention of this court and of the entire community. This is no contest between litigants to determine the right of property, nor is it a contest to determine the right of personal liberty. It is above and beyond all that. It is more far-reaching in its consequences than any case ever tried in this country. There is not a home in this broad land, nay, there is not a home in Christendom that is not interested in the result of your deliberation.

WHAT THE TRIAL INVOLVES.

This is a trial that involves, as I said, not the right of property or the right of liberty, but it is a trial the consequences of which reach to the very foundations of society. The home, the marriage relation, with all that is dear in that relation, is upon trial in this cause. Upon the result of your verdict to a very large extent, also, will depend the integrity of the Christian religion.

THE PLAINTIFF'S HOME DESTROYED.

The plaintiff comes into court and through the ordinary forms of law says, in effect, that his home has been destroyed, that his wife's affections have been taken from him, that his children have been scattered, that the once happy home is now desolate, and that the bright visions that he had in this world of attaining distinction and positions of honor, all have been blighted. That he once had a happy family—none more so in the land—but he comes to you this morning, not from that once happy family; but he comes to you this morning from a voiceless home, a cheerless fireside; and he asks you, as fathers and as brothers, and as husbands, to consider his case.

AGAINST WHOM IS THE CHARGE MADE?

And against whom does he make this terrible charge? Is it against some casual acquaintance—some casual friend? No; but he comes here and he makes the charge against one of the foremost preachers in the land—against the man by whom, in his youth, he was united in matrimony, at whose altar he received baptism. His spiritual adviser, his spiritual father, taking advantage of these sacred relations, has become, instead of his protector and his comforter, his destroyer.

WHO IS IT THAT MAKES THE CHARGE?

And who is it that makes the charge? It is no unknown person, no insignificant individual, that comes into court and arraigns at the bar of justice the defendant in this case; but he is a man, as well as the defendant, of pre-eminent abilities, a man who had risen while yet young, a man of great distinction in the land as a writer and as an orator, whose pen was always upon the side of the oppressed, and whose voice, as did the voice of the defendant, thundered against tyranny and oppression. Four years ago, and no man of his age in this land had before him so brilliant a prospect as Theodore Tilton. Gifted by God as few men are gifted intellectually and physically, he had before him a most brilliant career, and all at once a cloud settles down upon his household like a pall, and the bright visions fade away, and where there was sunshine there is now darkness and misery and desolation. Before the wife of the plaintiff fell a victim—before Beecher led her astray—no man in this land had a more happy home than he.

THE HOME OF THEODORE TILTON.

I will not detain you, gentlemen, at this stage of the case, or indeed at all in the opening, in picturing to you the home of Theodore Tilton prior to the 8th of October, 1868. During the progress of the trial you will learn from the evidence the nature and the character of the home that has been destroyed and desolated. Suffice it to say that during all their married life, down to the period that I have indicated, they had one of the happiest of homes—a family of children growing up about them, and loved by their father and mother as few children are loved. What, gentlemen, what—will you say it is a just retribution to destroy such a home!

THE CRIME MORE HEINOUS THAN MOST CASES OF THIS CHARACTER.

And in this case, gentlemen, there are features which render the crime more heinous than most cases of this character. Mr. Tilton was a boy, he grew up under the eyes of the defendant; when but a child he became a member of his church, when but a child, almost before of age, he married the woman he loved, and from that time henceforth was associated with the defendant in the closest relations, associated with him in the editorship of a religious journal, for many years a frequent visitor at his house, looking upon him almost as a father and admiring him above all men living, placing that implicit faith in him which can only come from admiration and absolute confidence.

THE FORMER RELATIONS OF BEECHER AND TILTON.

When separated by the ocean, before this terrible calamity, before the violation of this friendship and the destruction of this home, these two men spoke of each other and wrote of each other as only men who had mutual confidence and admiration could speak and write of each other. It has been said that this action has been instigated because of an enmity that the plaintiff had for the defendant. And yet during all this period prior to the time that I have stated, there was the closest friendship, the greatest admiration on the part of the plaintiff for the defendant, as manifested by their letters, their friendly letters and correspondence down to the very time of the discovery of the wrong that had been committed. This friendship and this admiration was attested in various ways, by gifts from one to the other, by their mutual social intercourse, by every manifestation of love and affection; and while, as we say, and we think we shall be able to convince you twelve men beyond all doubt and peradventure, while, as we say, the defendant was sitting at the request of the plaintiff for his portrait to one of the best, the most distinguished artists of our State, while day after day he was going there sitting at the request of the plaintiff, and at the expense of the plaintiff, so great was his admiration of him, this illicit intercourse that we charge against the defendant was being carried on. At the very time, as we shall show you as clear as the sun now shines, when the defendant was sitting to have his portrait to be painted to be hung up in the house of the plaintiff, he was carrying on this illicit intercourse, and before, long before, that portrait was completed and ready to adorn the walls of the once happy home, that home had been debauched, that family had been destroyed. Where shall the portrait now be hung? What walls shall it adorn?

A CRIME OF DARKNESS AND SECRECY.

Well, gentlemen, this crime, as you are aware, is peculiarly a crime of darkness and secrecy. We do not expect to bring eye-witnesses here in court to testify to this crime. Of course that could not be expected, and perhaps I might as well here and now, as at any time, call your attention to what one or two of our authorities upon this subject say; it will probably give you a clearer idea of the character of the offense, and the nature of the proof that establishes it, than I could state to you. I will detain you but a moment in calling your attention to one or two of those authorities. Says a learned writer upon this subject—the subject of marriage and divorce and domestic relations:

"Adultery is peculiarly a crime of darkness and secrecy. Parties are rarely surprised in it, and so it not only may, but ordinarily must, be established by circumstantial evidence."

Dr. Lushington, a high authority, observes:

"It is not necessary to prove that the adultery with which a party is charged should have occurred at any particular time and place. The court must be satisfied that a criminal attachment has subsisted between the parties, and that opportunities occurred when the intercourse, in which it is satisfied the parties intended to indulge, might with ordinary facility have taken place."

Cresswell, J., says:

"Every act of adultery implies three things. First, the opportunity; second, the disposition in the mind of the adulterer; third, the same in the mind of the *particeps criminis*. And the proposition is substantially proved true that whenever these three are found to concur, the criminal fact is committed."

In a celebrated case, Dr. Lushington uses this language:

"It is, then, in evidence that not merely was there a criminal attachment, but that this attachment was not rejected; that Jeffrey, the alleged *particeps criminis*, admitted his familiarity, received his correspondence; that opportunities were constant; and there is nothing to show on her (Jeffrey's) part resistance nor repudiation, nor that she at all discountenanced his passion. To doubt, from such circumstances, that the consummation followed would be to presume that the effect was not consequent on the cause, and that this was a case of extraordinary exception and singular innocence."

Lord Stowell, a high authority, uses this language:

"It is a fundamental rule that it is not necessary to prove the direct fact of adultery, because if it were otherwise, there is not one case in a hundred in which that proof would be obtainable. It is very rarely indeed that a party is surprised in the direct fact of adultery. In every case almost the fact is inferred from the circumstances that lead to it, by a fair inference, as a necessary conclusion; and unless this were the case, and unless this were so held, no protection whatever could be given to marital rights. What are the circumstances which lead to such a conclusion cannot be laid down precisely, though many of them, of more obvious nature, and of more frequent occurrence, are to be found in the ancient books. At the same time it is impossible to indicate them precisely, because they may be infinitely diversified by the situation and character of the parties, by the state of general manners, and by many other incidental circumstances, apparently slight and delicate in themselves, but which may have most important bearings in decisions upon a particular case."

THE NATURE OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

Mr. Morris continued: As to the nature of circumstantial evidence, I will call your attention to one or two paragraphs. Chief Justice Whitman, of Maine, said: "Circumstantial evidence is often stronger and more satisfactory than direct, because it is not liable to delusion or fraud."

"Circumstantial evidence," said Chief Justice Gibson, "is, in the abstract, nearly, though perhaps not altogether, as strong as positive evidence. In the concrete it may be infinitely stronger. A fact positively sworn to by a witness of unblemished character is not so satisfactorily proved as a fact which is the necessary consequence of a chain of other facts sworn to by many witnesses of doubtful credibility."

And Chief Justice Shaw, of Massachusetts, one of our ablest jurists, in a celebrated case in Webster, says:

"The distinction, then, between direct and circumstantial evidence is this. Direct and positive evidence is where a witness can be called to testify to the precise fact which is the subject of the issue in trial, that is, in a case of homicide, that the party accused did cause the death of the deceased. Whatever may be the kind or force of evidence, this is the fact to be proved. But suppose no person was present on the occasion of the death, and, of course, no one can be called to testify to it, is it wholly unsusceptible of legal proof? Experience has shown that circumstantial evidence may be offered in such a case, that is, that a body of facts may be proved of so conclusive a character as to warrant a firm belief of the fact quite as strong and certain as that on which discreet men are accustomed to act in relation to their most important concerns. It would be injurious to the best interests of society if such proof could not avail in judicial proceedings. If it was necessary always to have positive evidence, how many criminal acts committed in the community, destructive of its peace and subversive of its order and prosperity, would go wholly undetected and unpunished. The necessity, therefore, of resorting to circumstantial evidence, if it be a safe and reliable proceeding, is obvious and absolute. Crimes are secret. Most men, conscious of criminal purposes, and about the execution of criminal acts, seek the security of secrecy and darkness. It is, therefore, necessary to use all other modes of evidence, besides that of direct testimony, provided such proof may be relied on as leading to safe and satisfactory conclusions, and—thanks to a beneficent Providence—the laws of Nature and the relations of things to each other are so linked and combined together that a medium of proof is often furnished leading to inferences and conclusions as strong as those arising from direct testimony."

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CLASS OF EVIDENCE.

There is, continued Mr. Morris, another class of evidence of the highest importance in the investigation of crime, and that is confessions made by the parties. Where a party makes a confession unaffluenced by fear—a free and voluntary confession of crime—it is considered the highest character of evidence of the fact. "Full confessions," says this author, "full confessions of guilt by an accused party are in the nature of direct evidence, and therefore do not properly fall within the scope of the present work," &c. Confessions of this kind, when deliberately and voluntarily made, are justly regarded as constituting the highest and most satisfactory species of evidence that can be presented before a legal tribunal. They combine the statement of the physical facts which form the basis of the charge, (and which is, substantially, the deposition of a witness to those facts,) with that other most important species of evidence which can never be directly reached and brought to view by any other means, namely, that which presents the motives and intents which instigated and directed the criminal act, and these avowed by the parties who, of all others, have the strongest interest to conceal them.

THE FACTS BY WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH THE CHARGE.

Now, gentlemen, I have indicated to you very briefly the general character of our case. First, the acts of the party accused. Second, the confession of the party accused; and, with this very imperfect outline of our case, the nature of our case, the general character of our case, I will proceed to call your attention more specifically to the facts by which we propose to establish our case. The case opens on the 3d day of July, 1870, with a confession made by the wife of the plaintiff, though not communicated to the plaintiff until some time afterward. On the 3d day of July, 1870, the wife of the plaintiff, with an overburdened heart, confessed her guilt to her husband, the plaintiff in this case; and here, gentlemen, I would call your attention to a circumstance that seems to me to possess great significance. Up to this date the relations of plaintiff and defendant had been most cordial. Nothing had occurred to interrupt the harmony of their friendship and their good feeling toward each other so far as the plaintiff knew. He and his wife were members of the church of defendant, but after the 3d day of July, 1870, the plaintiff never crossed the threshold of Plymouth Church until the 31st of October, 1873, when he appeared there for the purpose of confronting the Pastor, and then asked him in the presence of his congregation if the plaintiff had ever spoken falsely concerning him. Why was it? This is one circumstance of this case.

WHY WAS IT?

Why was it that the plaintiff all at once, without any outward apparent cause so far as the plaintiff knew, so far as the public knew, so far as any member of the church knew—without any apparent cause, the plaintiff, who was a member of the church, and who was an admirer up to that time of the defendant, who admired him beyond all other men, who placed the most implicit confidence in him, who trusted him, and looked upon him almost as a father—he was his spiritual father—I say why was it that all at once the plaintiff ceases to attend the ministrations of Plymouth Church? Why was it? Ah, he had received some wound, something had occurred that induced him to keep away from Plymouth Church, and to remain away. He had received a wound! There was a cause. That wound had pierced his heart, but for the sake of his children, whom he loved as he loved his life, he carried that wound in his heart; but he could not listen to the ministrations of a man who had brought this great sorrow and this great wrong upon him, and he bears it in silence; he stays away from the church, and he goes to his home with the arrow through his heart.

HE BORE THIS GREAT SORROW IN SILENCE.

Well, gentlemen, for months he bore in silence this great sorrow and this great wrong, and for that, too, he has been arraigned; for that, too, he has been abused and traduced; because he did not strike down the seducer of his wife; because he rose to a higher Christian plane; because he could forego revenge, and because he carried out the Christian doctrine—for that, too, I say he is arraigned; but I will leave those elements of this case to be handled by a man who can do it with much more force and far more power than myself. But he carried this wound until the 30th of December, 1870, and on the night of Dec. 30, 1870, the plaintiff confronted the defendant with a renewed confession of his wife and accused him of having committed adultery.

WHAT DID THE DEFENDANT DO?

What did the defendant do? What would any innocent man have done then and there if the charge had not been true? Would he not have denied it? Would he not have handed it back with indignation? Yes. There is no pretense, and there has never been any pretense, that Mr. Beecher did deny the charge. The charge is made. What are the circumstances that go to make up that charge? The defendant visits the wife of the plaintiff then sick in bed, and has an interview with her. He returns to the house of Mr. Moulton with reference to the charge which had been made against him, but not a word escapes his lips, and after he has the interview with Mr. Tilton, in which he is directly accused of this crime, before he leaves the house, Mr. Moulton remarks to him, "Have you seen Mrs. Tilton about this?" He replies, in a subdued voice, "I have. This will kill me; this will kill me." No denial either to Mr. Tilton or to Mr. Moulton, save the expression, the exclamation, "This will kill me; this will kill me." If a man ever could be called upon to deny a charge like this, do you not think that was the time and there was the place, then and there, to have met that charge?

THE NEXT STEP IN THE HISTORY OF THE CASE.

But what is the next step in the history of this case? Why, the following night, Mr. Moulton goes around to the house of the defendant, and accuses him of having taken a mean advantage, of having acted meanly toward Mr. Tilton in procuring the paper, and asks that it be delivered up to him. He goes there as the avowed friend of Mr. Tilton, and the defendant was a comparative stranger to him, and he asks that he deliver up this paper to him. What does he do? Does he show him the door? Oh, no. Does he ask him why he accuses him of meanness? Does he say: "What do you mean by such talk in my house, you are a comparative stranger coming here as a friend of Mr. Tilton?" Does he do that? Oh, no. He invites him to come and see him again, and the next night, Jan. 1, 1871, Moulton goes to the house of the defendant again. He is invited into his study. What does he then do? Does he inquire whether Mr. Moulton has appeared to apologize to him or not for his conduct? Oh, no. But he writes for the plaintiff, not an apology, but a letter of contrition, and it commences "My Dear Friend Moulton"—the man who was a comparative stranger to him, and the man who the night previous had obtained from him this paper—aye, obtained it! But he says to this man, whom twenty-four hours before had accused him of meanness—of taking a mean advantage; who had demanded this letter and obtained it from him:

THE LETTER OF CONTRITION.

Mr. Morris here read the following letter from Mr. Beecher to Mr. Moulton:

BROOKLYN, Jan. 1, 1871.
(In trust with F. D. Moulton.)

MY DEAR FRIEND MOULTON: I ask through you Theodore Tilton's forgiveness, and I humble myself before him as I do before my God. He would have been a better man in my circumstances than I have been. I can ask nothing except that he will remember all the other hearts that will ache. I will not plead for myself. I even wish that I were dead, but others must live and suffer. I will die before any one but myself shall be implicated. All my thoughts are running toward my friends, toward the poor child lying there and praying with her folded hands. She is guiltless, sinned against, bearing the transgression of another. Her forgiveness I have. I humbly pray to God that He may put it into the heart of her husband to forgive me. I have trusted this to Moulton in confidence.

H. W. BEECHER.

Gentlemen, may we not stop here? Would it be necessary if we simply wanted to make out our case against the defendant to go one step further, one step beyond that letter? But we will do so. There are some circumstances and some explanations which it is necessary in this connection that I should explain to you.

THE DEFENDANT HAD DONE SOME WRONG.

It must be conceded from this letter that the defendant had done some wrong, some terrible wrong, to the plaintiff. What was it? The plaintiff says that it was adultery. Mr. Moulton says that it was adultery. Mrs. Morse, in effect, says the same thing, and every act of the plaintiff and of Moulton during the three and one-half years that followed are in harmony with the fact of adultery, and utterly irreconcilable with any other theory of the case, and no human ingenuity can devise any other explanation. It is impossible. You have got to blot out the English language and all its meaning, for so long as it stands no other explanation can be given by this defendant. Why, adultery was the one sole fact that accounts for Mr. Moulton's connection with this case for the four years that he strove to save the defendant with a fidelity unparalleled. Take out that word adultery and what sense or meaning is there in his connection with the case, or was there ever with his connection with the case. It is the whole point. It is the focus. It is the ladder upon which for the four years this whole case has stood.

WHY DID BEECHER WANT TO GO TO MOULTON'S.

Why did Mr. Beecher, the defendant, want to go to Moulton's day after day, twice a day sometimes, to see him, to make arrangements, to plan, to plot, to conceal something? He had something to conceal. What did he have? A secret. Ah, but it is said that Mr. Moulton has denied that there was any truth in the charge, and that Mr. Tilton has denied it. Of course he has. Was he employed by the defendant? Was he likely to expose the facts and give them to the world? Oh, no. His mission was concealment. That is why he was wanted. That is why Mr. Moulton was required—he not a member of the church—it was his mission to conceal and not make known. He was the possessor of a secret that could not be trusted by this Christian minister to a single other person on earth. There was no man on the globe to whom he could go. There was something so terrible about this secret itself that he could not go to their counsel and ask their advice, and it was left for Mr. Moulton to manage this great secret, and Mr. Moulton did manage it and successfully for years.

MOULTON SAVED THE DEFENDANT.

He saved the defendant, and he saved Plymouth Church as certainly as the sun shines in heaven to-day, as I will show you before I get through. Long since then would Plymouth Church been without a Pastor had it not been for the fidelity of this man sitting here, Frank D. Moulton.

NOT LEFT IN THE DARK ABOUT THE CASE.

But, gentlemen, we are not left in the dark about this case, and I now will look at it from another standpoint. They declare that all the acts, and all the letters to which your attention will be called, for the four years surrounding this subject, represent two points. First, the grief: second, the interest of Mr. Tilton. Well, it is said, gentlemen, that great grief was caused by injudicious advice. Mr. Tilton had lost his editorship of the *Independent* and of the *Union*, through the agency of the defendant, and his family had been nearly broken up, as he had been advised to discontinue his connection with religious journals. And that is an intimation I have never yet been able to solve. I hope the counsel for the defense in this case will be able to define the cause which, to me, seems undefinable. At one time he had been informed that she had conceived an undue affection for him, (Mr. Beecher;) at another that his blind heedlessness and friendship had beguiled her heart, and at another time heard an intimation that she thrust her affections upon him unsought, and all this jumble of phrases, of words, without any statement as to what caused this great contrition on the part of the defendant on the 1st of January, 1871, when he says this defendant's friendship beguiled her heart.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What does he mean? What does that fact import? What is the meaning of it? What is the meaning of this blind heedlessness and friendship beguiling the heart of the wife of the plaintiff? How was that manifested on her part? What was done in consequence of that? What did she do? What did he do? How did it develop itself, and how was it manifested? Does he mean to say, or does he not, that the woman tempted him? I presume that my learned friends upon the other side will have some explanation, at least, I hope so; for I have never yet been able to discover one. But the time that this letter was written, Mr. Tilton's family had not been broken up. He was living with his family, and although he had his contract with Mr. Bowen, lost his position of editorship. A new phase of things occurred, he was aroused by the intuences of the defendant, and throughout he furnished no cause, no reason, for this great piece of malice.

ONE SINGULAR FACT.

But there is one singular fact in this case that I want your attention to right here, as it comes in appropriately at this point. This letter was written on the 1st of January, 1871, and it is claimed, and has been claimed, that the cause or reason of the feeling that produced that letter was brought about by advice which Mr. Beecher had given Mrs. Tilton to separate from her husband. The point that I wish to call your attention to in this action is this, that the advice, if it was given at all, was not until after the 27th of January, 1871, as the documentary evidence we will introduce to you will conclusively establish. That the advice was not given until after the 27th January, 1871, we will have to prove; we will also prove in reference to the defendant's mournings over wrongs not yet committed, if they were wrongs. But let us assume that such advice was given at the time, and that he had counseled Mr Bowen to dismiss Mr. Tilton, and that Mr. Bowen had taken that advice, and that he was responsible for the loss of place on the part of the plaintiff, and that he had been the cause of separation on the part of the defendant and his wife. Upon what facts did he base his action? You must recollect that at this time Mr. Tilton was editor of the *Independent*, a Christian newspaper and religious paper, that it was a representative Congregational paper of the land, and Mr. Beecher being of that denomination, and a permanent member of it, it was his duty to see so far to it, and especially as, for many years, he himself had been its editor, it was especially his duty to see that no confiscation should be made of his editorship of that paper. Now, gentlemen, I want you to bear with me while I call your attention to some facts right here with reference to that point.

DECLARATIONS OF THE DEFENDANT.

Some of the declarations of the defendant himself I here allude to, which will give you a good insight into the circumstances of the case. In reference to this matter, he said that the letters that Mr. Tilton had written in the *Independent* had caused this storm of indignation among the Congregationalists of the North-west, and that he himself had indignantly disclaimed all responsibility for the views expressed by Mr. Tilton; that Mr. Tilton's course in that paper was such that he found it necessary to protest against all responsibility for views in that paper, as expressed by Mr. Tilton. He says he believed that Mr. Tilton denied the divinity of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and articles of the orthodox faith, while his views as to the sanctity of the marriage rules were undergoing a constant change; said that Bessy Turner had given him such an account of Tilton's cruelty to his family as shocked him, and that Tilton visited her chamber in the night and sought her consent to his wishes; that he immediately visited Mrs. Tilton at her mother's house, and received an account of her home life and of the despotism of her husband, and that it seemed like a nightmare dream to him. The question put on the occasion was whether she should go back or separate from her husband. He asked permission to bring his wife to see them, her judgment being better than his in domestic relations, and the second visit was made. The result was that his wife was indignant toward Mr. Tilton, and declared that no consideration would induce her to remain an hour with one who had treated her with one hundredth part of the cruelty. Bowen had narrated the affair in Connecticut and elsewhere.

WHAT BEECHER BELIEVED.

Without doubt he says he believes those allegations, and says, the other facts stated seemed to him full of corroboration. He believed at that time that Theodore Tilton had been guilty of promiscuous immorality, and declared that he was bankrupt in character and morals and added that on the 30th of December, 1870, he had accused him falsely of one of the most diabolical crimes that he could conceive of, and that he had induced his own saintly wife to join in a lie referring to the reputation of the defendant, and in view of these facts before him he says he went off into all those paroxysms of grief because he gave this advice, because he counseled Bowen to discharge him from the *Independent*. I ask you as Christian men, if, in view of these facts, he had given this advice that he said he did—and one hundred fold more emphatic—if he would have deserved the condemnation of Christendom. If he did, gentlemen, give that advice, he did what he thought was his bounden duty as a Christian minister to give.

BEECHER'S ADVICE.

If he did give that advice, he did what was his bounden duty as a Christian minister to give. If he did give this counsel to Bowen, he did that which it was his bounden duty as a Christian minister to do, and he would have been unfit for his high calling had he omitted to give such advice—had he permitted, from his standpoint, Mr. Tilton to remain one hour connected with that religious paper, if he could have prevented it, or his wife living with him one hour if he could have prevented it. Think of it! Think of it! Think of it for a moment! Think of it! The defendant here, the greatest preacher of the land, knowing a man, then a member of his church, to be a libertine, to be bankrupt in morals and in character, to be everything that is bad, to be everything that is despicable—think of such a man bowing down before that man as before God, because, simply, he had done his duty—because he had advised the separation of his wife from this libertine, this bankrupt in character and morals, this free lover, this bad man. Think of his bowing down before him as before God! That is impossible. You know it. I know it. Every man in the land knows it. And yet in view of all these facts we hear in explanation, the case as it presents itself to my eyes was strongly against him.

A CASE AGAINST THE PLAINTIFF.

There was a case at that time, if the defendant's theory be correct—there was a case not against him, but against the plaintiff, and that case was made out conclusively, and by the most complete proof, by Bessie Turner, by Henry C. Bowen, and by the false accusations which he (the plaintiff) made against the defendant. That was the case, then, if we are to accept these allegations, these statements, these facts—that was the case made against the plaintiff, Mr. Tilton, and not against the defendant! The case was all in favor of the defendant. If he did what he says he did, he was deserving of the thanks of every good man and every good woman, and, if he had done it tenfold more strongly and vigorously and determinedly than he did, he would have been entitled to still greater thanks. No, Sir, that is not possible.

THAT TERRIBLE LETTER.

Well, gentlemen, let me call your attention to this fact. Here is this terrible letter of the 1st of January, 1870. To whom is it intrusted? Moulton was a comparative stranger to him at that time. He had had but the one interview with him—two interviews. The one was on the Friday night, the 30th of December, when Mr. Moulton went to Mr. Beecher's house and said: "Mr. Beecher, Mr. Tilton wants to see you." "It is Friday night; I have got my prayer-meeting to attend to, and I cannot go." "But, Mr. Tilton wants to see you." He then calls a person, "Go and tell so-and-so to take charge of the Plymouth Church prayer-meeting," and he goes off with no more explanation than that with this comparative stranger, abandoning his prayer-meeting.

THE INTERVIEWS WITH MOULTON.

That is the first interview Mr. Moulton has with him, when he calls at his house to say "Mr. Tilton wants to see you," and without explanation, he abandons his prayer-meeting, turns it over to some one else, and goes with Mr. Moulton to receive the charge of adultery from Mr. Tilton

member of his congregation, some legal gentleman of his flock, and have told them, as he might have done in the sacredness of confidence, of the wrong that had been committed against him, and counseled and advised with him as to what should have been done with such a villain? And do you think if he had been innocent that would not have been the case? But what does he do? He acts as naturally he would act, having committed the wrong that we charge him with. He says:

"I have sent this letter of contrition to Mr. Tilton. I have poured out my soul to him in sorrow and in grief. I have asked his pardon and forgiveness. But I will do more for him. I have had an interview with Mr. Henry C. Bowen, to whom I made some statements concerning Mr. Tilton. I at once undo that."

That was on the 2d of January, when he wrote a letter to Mr. Bowen, in which he says:

"I should be unwilling to have anything I said, though it was but little, weigh on your mind in a matter so important to his welfare."

Mr. Beach—When was that?

Mr. Morris—On the 2d of January.

THE LETTER TO MR. BOWEN.

The very next day after writing this letter of contrition—and two days after, they say, the false accusation had been made—he writes to Mr. Bowen, so anxious is he for the welfare of Mr. Theodore Tilton, the man who had made this false charge against him—and although he said but little to Mr. Bowen—he writes:

"I would be unwilling that that little should weigh on your mind in a matter of such importance to his welfare."

And with this letter, with the original draft of the letter, he goes around to Mr. Moulton's, and there he meets Mr. Tilton on the 3d of January, the first being Sunday; on Tuesday he goes round to Mr. Moulton's with this letter and meets Mr. Tilton there, and he speaks to him about this matter, and expresses his sorrow at the wrong he has done, and hopes that he may be forgiven. The object of this letter you will perceive was to see Mr. Tilton again, and to show him that he was willing to aid him and assist him, and that he was anxious to do anything that he could for him. He writes this letter and he says, when he wants to give force to the letter of contrition, "I should be unwilling to have anything I said, though it was but little, weigh on your mind;" but on another occasion, when it is desired that the force of the letter of contrition shall be broken by some wrong done on the part of the defendant rather than on the wrong we learned, different, entirely different, language is used.

MR. BOWEN'S NARRATIVE.

Then he conversed for some time with Mr. Bowen. Mr. Bowen's narrative is frankly given.

"I did not see how he could maintain his relations with Mr. Tilton. The substance of the conversation was, that Mr. Tilton's inordinate ostentation would make his connection with either paper fatal to its interest. I spoke firmly and emphatically, and I have no doubt that my opinion was decisive, and precipitated his overthrow."

Then, when accounting for the condition of mind at the time the letter of contrition was written, and when force is to be given to the apology, he says: "I should be unwilling to have anything I said, though it was but little, weigh on your mind."

THE PROPOSITION TO GO TO EUROPE.

And but a few days after this Mr. Beecher, through Mr. Moulton, makes the proposition that if Mr. Tilton will go to Europe with his family and spend a couple of years there, he will bear the expense.

WHY DID MR. BEECHER PAY BESSIE TURNER'S EXPENSES?

Now, gentlemen, at this time, also, Bessie Turner, of whom you have heard, a young woman in the house of Mr. Tilton, had overheard conversations between Mr. and Mrs. Tilton in reference to this matter, and it was time that she should be gotten out of the way. It was not safe to have her in Brooklyn, for she might tattle, she might talk, and thus the great secret become known, and she is sent to a boarding-school in Ohio, and her expenses were all paid there by the defendant in this action. He contributes out of his own moneys the expense of Bessie Turner when she is at school in Ohio, and we want his counsel to explain, if they can, why Mr. Beecher paid the expenses of Bessie Turner at school in Ohio. We say, gentlemen, it was because she had overheard conversation and had become possessed of some facts, and it was the fear of her tattling that was the reason which made it desirable that she should be removed from this city, and she was sent to Ohio, the defendant paying her expenses.

MR. BEECHER MORTGAGING HIS HOUSE.

And right here, gentlemen, I will call your attention to another fact, although it is out of order of the date, but is connected with the same topic. Mr. Beecher mortgaged his own house, raising the sum of $5,000, which he paid to Mr. Moulton for the purpose of being paid to Mr. Tilton without Mr. Tilton's knowledge of where it came from. Mr. Tilton was then editor of the *Golden Age;* Mr. Moulton was his friend. He was assisting him in raising money; he had repeatedly assisted him in money affairs, and Mr. Beecher, feeling the great wrong he had done Mr. Tilton, and being desirous of having him, at least so far as worldly matters were concerned, satisfied, and his paper going along prosperously, he desired Mr. Moulton to be the medium of transmitting this money to Mr. Tilton without his knowledge whence it came, and this money was paid through Mr. Moulton by Mr. Beecher for Mr. Tilton's benefit. Will you tell me, gentlemen, that an innocent man, possessing the power and the influence that Mr. Beecher possessed in this community, would mortgage his own house and raise the money for this man unless he was guilty of some great wrong toward him? No, gentlemen, that money was raised and that money was paid for the express purpose of keeping the *Golden Age* prosperous. So long, he thought, as Mr. Tilton was prosperous, at least the sharp edge of this anguish would be dulled, that he would not be so likely to expose the matter if he was pecuniarily prosperous; but it added to his sorrows, it added to his great wrong if poverty should stare him in the face, and if pecuniarily embarrassed he might, writhing under the great wrong that he had suffered, he might be more likely to expose the wrong, and thus it was that this money was paid for the purpose of keeping the secret secure from the public. And as the means of preventing the exposure of this secret to the public, it was one of the means adopted by him to keep Mr. Tilton partially satisfied, so that he might not be entirely and all the time glooming over the wrong he suffered, but that he might be engaged in writing for his paper, having the paper, carrying the paper along, which could not be unless he had the means, and when his mind was in this enterprise, it would be to that extent withdrawn from the great sorrow from which he was suffering at the time in consequence of this wrong, and it was for this reason that this $5,000 was paid upon the mortgage on his own house. And gentlemen, men do not mortgage their houses, they do not raise money and give it to parties in this way, if they are entirely innocent; nor do they do it for trivial purposes. There may be cases where parties innocently have paid money in this way, but I never have heard of one in my experience. I doubt whether any instance can be given where money has been paid under such circumstances where the parties were innocent of all blame. They may not have gone so far as the defendant in this case, but in every case that I have heard of the money has been paid because as a matter of fact the parties were guilty. But in this case there will be no insinuations of that character. The evidence upon that point is too full, too clear, and too complete. That suggestion will be dropped here as it has been by the previous investigation. There will be none of that in this case, so I will pass from that point.

A REMARKABLE LETTER FROM MRS. MORSE.

About the 27th of this month of January [I am speaking now of the period between Jan. 1 and Feb. 2] Mr. Beecher receives from Mrs. Morse and takes to Mr. Moulton, as bearing upon this case and upon the matter and secret which he had charge of, a remarkable letter from Mrs. Morse, and I will call your attention to but one or two passages of it at this time:

"This she could endure and thrive under, but the publicity he has given to this most recent and most crushing of all troubles is what is taking the life of her. I know of twelve persons whom he has told, and they, in turn, have told others. Do you know when I hear of you cracking jokes every Sunday, and think of the misery you have brought upon her, I think with the Psalmist, there is no God! * * * He swears as soon as her breath leaves her body he will make this whole thing public, and this prospect, I think, is the one thing that keeps her alive."

This letter was received on Jan. 27 and taken to Mr. Moulton Jan. 28, with Beecher's indorsement to it, together with another letter which he had received from Mrs. Morse, and which had been written to Mrs. Morse by Mrs. Tilton, and which was also taken there as a part of this case, as having reference and relating to a part of this case, and the secret which Mr. Moulton at that time had in his charge. I will not stop to read the letter now, gentlemen. I will call your attention but to a few brief passages in the letter, in order that you may see to what it relates and to what it refers.

"When by your threats my mother cried out in agony to me, 'Why, what have you done, Elizabeth, my child?' her worst suspicions were aroused, and I laid bare my heart then with my own lips, lest from others she might receive the dagger into her heart."

WHAT WERE THE CHARGES?

And so all through, from beginning to the end, is the confession of her guilty relations with the defendant, and he takes this letter to Mr. Moulton as relating to the secret which he then had in charge. Can you doubt what these charges were? Do you doubt what the secret is, and what the crime is that has been committed, in view of these facts? Mrs. Tilton has confessed her guilt, first to her husband, then to her mother; Mrs. Morse has written to the defendant as though he understood all about it, and Mr. Beecher has confessed it, as we see, in writing over and over again, and verbally to Mr. Moulton and others. And now, gentlemen, having called attention to those facts occurring subsequent to January, when this letter of contrition was written, his sending away Miss Turner to the boarding school and defraying the expenses of her education, his endeavoring to induce Mr. Tilton and his family to go to Europe for two or three years, and promising to pay his expenses; the letters of Mrs. Morse to him and of Mrs. Tilton to Mrs. Morse, carried by him to Mr. Moulton, we enter now another period in the history of this case, and about which, gentlemen, there can be no two opinions. Mr. Beecher, as naturally might have been expected, was very anxious to know what the state of Mr. Tilton's feelings toward him was.

BEECHER ANXIOUS TO KNOW THE CONDITION OF TILTON'S MIND.

He had written a letter of contrition to Mr. Bowen. He had received through Mr. Moulton the assurance that Mr. Tilton would not expose the secret of the great love that he bore his family; but, with this fact pressing on his mind, with his anxiety lest at any moment Mr. Tilton would break out and expose the guilty secret, he was very anxious to know what was the condition of his mind. Write to him he could not; the wound that he had given was too deep; he must seek the state of his mind by counseling with others, and he had chosen Mr. Moulton as his mutual friend. To him he had confided all, and to him he must go to ascertain whether he stood upon a precipice or not, and so on the 7th of February, Mr. Moulton said to Mr. Tilton, Mr. Beecher is anxious that I should get from you an expression of your feelings toward him, and Mr. Tilton writes a letter for Mr. Beecher, and I desire to call your attention to the significance of that letter in this place, and to show you that Mr. Tilton was actuated in bearing this wrong, this suffering, for the undying love which he bore his children. They it was that restrained him from inflicting the punishment that was due to his destroyer at the time; for their sakes, for the sake of the innocent who were involved in this matter, not only in his own family, but others—yea, the family of the defendant himself—he forbore to strike; but when appealed to by Mr. Moulton to give some expression of his feeling toward Mr. Beecher, in order that he might reassure him that Mr. Tilton did not intend to expose this secret, that he did not intend to strike, but had consented to spare, he wrote this significant letter, a portion of which I will read:

"I say, therefore, very cheerfully, that notwithstanding the great suffering which he has caused to Elizabeth and myself, I bear him no malice and shall do him no wrong, shall discountenance every project by whomsoever proposed for any exposure of his secret to the public. I ought to add that your own good offices in this case have led me to a higher moral feeling than I might otherwise have reached."

That is a letter to Mr. Moulton written at Mr. Beecher's earnest request, and taken and shown to Mr. Beecher for the purpose of reassuring him that Tilton did not intend to expose this great secret, and he says there that he will discountenance any project by whomsoever made for the exposure of Mr. Beecher's great secret, "the great wrong that he has done to Elizabeth and myself."

BEECHER'S LETTERS TO MOULTON.

Well, gentlemen, on the same day the defendant writes two letters, and the writing is as plain and unmistakable as the writing upon the wall. There is no mistake about what the party is writing. There is no mistake as to the crime he has committed. Mark you, gentlemen, while Mr. Tilton had forborne to strike, while he had agreed not to expose the secret of Mr. Beecher, the wrong that had been done his family. There was no reconciliation at this time. There was no forgiveness as is apparent in Mr. Beecher's letter. Mr. Tilton had simply forborne to strike, because in striking he must necessarily strike himself, his own family, and bring them in a common ruin. This is written to Mr. Moulton: "I am glad to send you a book which you will relish, or which a sick man on a sick bed ought to relish." Mr. Moulton at this time was sick, confined to his house, and almost daily Mr. Beecher visited him, sometimes twice a day, counseling him with reference to this matter, endeavoring to take some means and adopt some measures that would secure the burying of this great secret from the public:

"I wish I had more like it, and that I could send you one every day, not as a repayment for your great kindness to me, for that can never be repaid, not even by love which I give you freely."

"You have also proved yourself Theodore's friend and Elizabeth's. Does God look down from heaven on three unhappy creatures that more need a friend than these? Is it not an intimation of God's intent of mercy to all, that each one of these has in you a tried and proved friend? But only in you are we three united. Would to God, who orders all hearts, that by your kind mediation, Theodore, Elizabeth, and I could be made friends again. Theodore will have the hardest task in such a case; but has he not proved himself capable of the noblest things? I wonder if Elizabeth knows how generously he has carried himself toward me? Of course, I can never speak with her again, except with his permission, and I do not know that even then it would be best. My earnest longing is to see her in the full sympathy of her nature at rest in him, and to see him once more trusting her, and loving her with even a better than the old love. I am always read in such thoughts. Is there any way out of this night? May not a day-star arise?"

TILTON CAPABLE OF THE NOBLEST THINGS.

Theodore will have the hardest task of all in such a case! "But having proved himself capable of the noblest things." Why? Why should Theodore have the hardest task? Why should it be the harder for him? So far as Mr. Beecher was concerned, and Mrs. Tilton was concerned, there is no difficulty. Reconciliation as between them was easy, but Theodore would have the hardest task. Why should he have the hardest task? Why? Because it was against him and against his household that this great wrong had been committed. True, he would have the hardest task in such a case. "But has he not proved himself capable of the noblest things?" What noble things had Mr. Tilton done from the 30th of December, 1870, to the 7th of February, 1871? What noble things had he done that he should call out this encomium upon his nobility? What had he done? Why had he shown himself capable of the noblest things, and in what respect, and why, and how? Why? Because knowing of the crime that had been committed against him, knowing the desolation that had been brought upon his household, he forbore to strike down the assassin of his home and of his happiness? Ah, he had forborne more than that. He had forborne not only to strike down the assassin of his home and happiness, but for the sake of his wife, for the sake of his children, he had forborne to expose him to the scorn of the world. I hope it will be explained what this language means, if it does not mean what I have attributed to it. Certainly, thus far, no explanation has been vouchsafed, because the explanation offered simply shows the precise workings of the mind of the defendant. You, gentlemen, will have no difficulty in recalling the precise meaning of those words, "Theodore will have the hardest task of all in such a case." It meant that it would be too much to expect of a man against whom such a wrong as that had been committed, friendship, but "You, Theodore, have been able to rise to that high plane of divine forgiveness that with you it is possible." And when men do stay their hand against the destroyer of their home, when they do forbear to strike down the seducer who has destroyed their happiness, they are held up to the ridicule of the world because they have attained to those "noble things," as had been done in this case! "I wonder if Elizabeth knows how generously he has carried himself toward me." In what had this generosity consisted? I will explain. When he speaks of the generosity with which Theodore had carried himself toward him he refers to the same act as when he said, "Theodore will have the hardest task of all, but he has shown himself capable of the noblest things." Of course it means that, it cannot mean anything else, because prior to the 30th of December, 1870, he had declared him to be bankrupt in character and in morals—utterly worthless. It was therefore no noble act that he had done prior to that. It was no generous bearing prior to that of which he speaks; but it was generous bearing and noble acts after the 30th of December and prior to the 7th of February, 1871; and I ask again what had he done during that time, save to stay his hand and not cast off his wife, and not to expose the destroyer of his home to the scorn and the just punishment that would follow such an exposé on the part of a virtuous and Christian people. This man, that was everything that was bad on the 26th or 27th of December, all at once is transformed into a perfect man, capable of the noblest things, generous beyond expression, and the only one act other than those I have indicated that he did during that period, was to charge the defendant to his face with having seduced his wife and brought shame and dishonor upon his family. And for this—for this charge of seduction and debauchery of the wife and the desolation of the home—he is held up to be a perfect man, generous beyond expression, capable of the noblest things.

EXPLAIN IT IF YOU CAN.

Explain it! Explain it, if you can, upon any other theory than that which I have presented! Explain it, if you can? If to falsely charge a man with the most diabolical crime known; if to do that—a most infamous crime—and that man a minister of the Gospel; if to accuse a man of such a crime falsely is to transform a man bankrupt in character and morals—a libertine, a perjurer—into a man capable of the noblest things; if such a man by such means can be thus transformed, then there is some sense in the language. Otherwise there is not. No, gentlemen. "Of course I can never speak to her again without his permission." Why not? Why not? Because at some time or other, at some indefinite period that cannot be stated, in some indefinite way that cannot be explained, Mr Tilton had sent word to him that he should never enter the house again. If that word had been sent, why was it? What had occurred between the parties, these men who for so many years had loved and admired each other, these devoted friends, pastor and parishioner? What had occurred that should make him forbid Mr. Beecher from entering the house again? "Would to God," he has said, "that we three could be made friends again! Theodore would have the hardest task in such a case, but has he not shown himself capable of the noblest things? Yet he has forbid me from entering his house again!" One word explains all this language. Every act of the defendant for the four years, every act of Mr. Moulton in connection with this, every act of all the parties, can be perfectly explained and all harmonized by one word—Adultery! Take adultery out of it and there is not as much harmony in their acts and in their speech as you would find in a lunatic asylum. But he writes another letter on the same day to Mrs. Tilton, and he writes this letter, as he says, by the permission of Mr. Tilton, and he requests the return of this letter by the hand of her husband, Theodore, the plaintiff. Now, mark you, gentlemen, he writes this letter to Mrs. Tilton by permission of her husband, and he requests the return of it by his hand. That is, he asks the permission of the man who had made a false accusation against him to write to his wife, and then wrote such a letter and requests its return by the man who had thus made a false charge against him. "When I saw you last I did not expect ever to see you again, or to be alive many days. God was kinder to me than my own thoughts." When had he seen her last? On the night of the 30th December, 1870. He had seen her on a sick bed, and it was this night that this terrible charge was made against him.

THIS WILL KILL ME.

The fact of the discovery of his crime had been then for the first time communicated to him, and as he left the house where it was communicated to him, he said, "This will kill me," and he goes forth, as he says, "into the storm." Then is when he saw her last. "I did not expect ever to see you again, or to be alive many days. God was kinder to me than my own thoughts." What were his thoughts? What were his thoughts? Why did not he expect ever to see her again? Why, as he says, when the fact of the discovery of the crime had been communicated to him, it came upon him like a stroke of lightning. Well might he explain, "I was thunderstruck; it came upon me like a stroke of lightning. I saw then the consequences of the discovery of such a crime all spread out before me." He saw an indignant world denouncing the seducer, and that seducer a Christian minister. He supposed he could not endure the agony of such a discovery, and he had made up his mind to end his sufferings and to end his misery by taking his life. Explain it on any other theory if you can. "God was kinder to him than his own thoughts." How? "The friend whom God sent me, Mr. Moulton, has proved of all friends that I have ever had able to help me in this terrible emergency of my life. His hand it was that tied up the storm that was ready to burst on our heads."

HOW HAD HE TIED UP THE STORM?

On my head and on the head of my victim! He had tied up the storm! How had he tied up the storm? Why should he appeal to Mr. Tilton for the sake of his family, for his children's sake, and for the thousands which would have been affected by such an exposure? He had induced him to forbear and not to expose the secret. That was the way in which the storm had been tied up—by the hand of Moulton, of whom he says, "God had sent him in this terrible emergency of his life." Explain it upon any other hypothesis if you can. But if their theory be true, just at that particular time it was an emergency in Mr. Tilton's life, and not of the defendant's. He had lost lately by all that Mr. Beecher had done. What was the emergency in his life that was so terrific that he contemplated destroying his life, only for Moulton's interposition, "whom God had sent in this terrible emergency?" And you will see in every letter, in every act during the entire four years of concealment, of planning, of plotting, and in the successful movement that had been made to keep from the public the truth is attributed to him. Every step that looks like an exposure or tends to expose the truth to the world is attributed to the devil. "He (Moulton) will be a true friend to your honor; will you return it to me by his hands? This is sent with Theodore's consent, but he has not read it. Will you return it to me by his hand? I am very urgent in this wish for all our sakes, as such a letter ought not to be subject to even a chance of miscarriage." Why? why? What does this letter refer to? What is he talking about that makes it "so great a matter to all of us," that its contents should not be subject to miscarriage, that it should not come to the public sight?

WHAT WERE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

What were they talking about? What is the defendant talking about in this letter that makes it of such paramount importance that it should be returned to him, and by the hands of Theodore, so that there would be no possibility of its falling into other hands and its contents becoming known? What is he talking about? What does it refer to? What secret does it allude to? What crime has it reference to? Some terrible thing; something so terrible that it induced him to contemplate the taking of his own life, until God sent him Moulton, who tied up the storm that was about to burst on the heads of the seducer and the seduced. In this same letter he says, "You have no friend, Theodore excepted, who can serve you as Moulton can." Why does he thus speak of Theodore? "No friend, Theodore excepted." Theodore is the best friend you have in the world; yet, but a short time before that, the story of Theodore's disagreement with his wife is related by Bessie Turner, related by the wife herself, and it seemed like some nightmare, such was the change or transposition of things with reference to the morality of the man, and as this case exhibits, in the relations of the defendant toward the plaintiff, and all because on the 30th of December, 1870, the plaintiff had falsely accused the defendant of one of the most damnable crimes to be laid against him. "He will be a true friend to your honor." Her honor was involved, and the fact that involved her honor was known to Moulton. This letter indicates that fact, that Moulton at that time knew all about it. She knew he did. He is writing to her giving her courage. Moulton will be a true friend to her honor.

HER HONOR WAS INVOLVED.

Her honor was involved, and Mr. Moulton had charge of the secret, the exposure of which would destroy her honor. How had her honor been involved? Who had involved her? "The past is ended, but is there no wiser, higher, holier future. May not Moulton be priest of the new sanctuary?" What does all this mean? Take those letters without knowing anything of the parties. Such letters without signature! What would you say the parties were talking about? Her one secret—adultery, not to be named in their correspondence, except in the manner it is named, and its name is as plain as though adultery ran through every letter and was incorporated in every sentence of this correspondence for three or four years.

MR. BEECHER'S DELINQUENCY.

Now, gentlemen, I will call your attention to a circumstance as throwing a light upon this transaction that occurred at this period, about this period, during this month, that sets at rest forever the fact that Mr. Moulton had any charge of the facts and secrets relating to his moral character, that Mr. Moulton was intrusted by him with the management of those facts, and that they related to his moral delinquency. On the 18th of February, 1871, Mr. Dana sent a note to Mr. Bonner inclosing a printed slip referring to this delinquency, threatening its publication, and Mr. Bonner immediately transmitted them to Mr. Beecher, with a letter marked "strictly confidential," and they were taken immediately to Moulton. This letter of Mr. Bonner, inclosing a note of Mr. Dana and the slip, although marked strictly confidential, and its return requested, was taken to Moulton and put into his hands. And Mr. Beecher takes Mr. Moulton over and introduces him to Mr. Bonner, leaving Mr. Moulton there to explain these matters on that occasion.

MOULTON DENIES THE TRUTH OF THE CHARGES.

Mr. Moulton succeeded in throwing off to a certain extent the suspicion by denying the truth of the charge, and for that he is condemned. For this act Mr. Beecher called down upon Mr. Moulton's head blessings for four years, Sunday and week-day. On this occasion it succeeded again. Shall he be condemned because he denied the truth? Or shall we believe him? When Mr. Moulton was denying the truth of these charges he was then a messenger sent from God. When he tells us on the solemnity of his obligation *the* truth he is the vicegerent of hell.

A CLANDESTINE CORRESPONDENCE.

Well, gentlemen, I come now to consider another period in this case, running from Feb. 7 to the 2d of April, 1872. As a part of this arrangement to keep this secret from the public, it had been agreed that neither Mr. Beecher should write to Mrs. Tilton nor she to him, without the knowledge of Mr. Moulton; that they should have no communication with each other without his permission. And you will see by the letter of Feb. 7 Mr. Beecher says, "that it is written by permission, and that he can never speak to her again without Theodore's permission." Therefore it becomes important to ascertain what relation these parties assume to each other after that period. The matter seemed to have been reasonably settled. Theodore had written this letter of Feb. 7, and Mr. Beecher had written to Mr. Moulton, and he had written to Mrs. Tilton, and there seemed to be a prospect that this secret would forever be buried. It had inspired a feeling of security on the part of the defendant, and, as a consequence of that, a clandestine correspondence ensued between him and the woman whom he had debauched. The first letter upon that subject was written to him, marked "Eighth," in which she says: "My dear friend, Does your heart bound toward all, as it used to? So does mine." I will not stop to read the whole of these letters, but only call your attention to the ideas contained in them. Mr. Beecher replies, and I will read but a sentence or two: "If it would be a comfort to you now and then to send me a letter of true inwardness, the outcome of your inner life, it would be safe, for I am now at home with my sister, and it is permitted to you." Bear in mind that when this letter was written, for this is the first time, and so far as we know the first communication of Mr. Beecher after the letter of Jan. 7, which was written for Mr. Tilton to see; but the first private letter he writes in the correspondence between him and Mrs. Tilton—and this, bear in mind, is long after Mrs. Tilton has written her confession; after she wrote her retraction, and the retraction of the retraction; after she had written the letter he had obtained, and again the letter in which she says that he had obtained it by his own dictation to her. She had falsely accused him of this infamous crime, but there is not a word of it in this letter. She had retracted and taken back the letter which he had obtained, and yet in the first communiehtion that they have on the subject there is no allusion made at all to this—no reference to it whatever on either side.

THINK OF IT.

Think of it, gentlemen. Think of it! A woman accuses you falsely, makes a false charge against you, makes a false confession to her husband, and reiterates that, and you write her a letter requesting her to communicate with you giving the reasons why it would be safe for her to do it. And in the first correspondence there is no allusion to what has transpired, no reference made to it, no explanation asked from this lady—only she had made such a charge? How she could make such a charge knowing it to be false? And then, having retracted it, how could she reiterate it again and make an additional false charge? Not a word! But just such a correspondence as you would expect between a married man and a married woman, not his wife, if improper relations existed between them. Bad enough for any married man to write such a letter to another married woman not his wife under any circumstances. Bad enough! But think of a minister of the Gospel holding such a correspondence under the circumstances of this letter, and no allusion whatever is made to the facts which had transpired previously.

HE WANTS IT EXPLAINED.

If it is in the power of mortal man to explain this I should be glad to hear it. I want to hear that explained. If it is in the power of man to explain this circumstance with innocence, I want you to hear it. But, gentlemen, if there could be any possibility of misapprehending the meaning of this correspondence, there is none of that following and accompanying it: "My dear friend, if I do not see you to-morrow night, I will next Friday night." Why, I ask, if there was no improper relation between these parties, does he take the pains to inform her that she may write to him because it is safe, and it is safe because he is home alone with his sister? Why was he not safe if he expected a proper correspondence with a Christian woman, one of his own parishioners, why does he take the trouble to inform her that it is safe to do it then because he is home alone with his sister? And this, after what he had gone through a few months prior, when he said in his letter of Feb. 7 he never expected to see her again, or be alive many days; that he could never speak with her again without her husband's permission, and he did not know whether it would be prudent or proper or not without the knowledge of that husband and without the knowledge of the man whom God had sent to him, and to whom he had entrusted the secret; after that he wrote such a letter to the woman who had accused him of having improper relations with her. And then, with such a letter staring him in the face, making an appointment for a meeting.

WHAT PLAINTIFF EXPECTS.

Gentlemen, we expect in this case to be judged by the same rules that you judge other men by. We expect in this case that you will judge the defendant by the same rules that you yourselves would be judged by, the same rules you would judge other men by. We don't expect that in this case you will say that because the defendant is a great man and a great preacher, because he has a great name, and that his fame extends throughout the land that you will withdraw him, after considering this case, from the ordinary rules that you would apply to other men. Why it any one of you should be caught in such a correspondence as that with another man's wife, on that alone, without anything else, you would be pronounced an adulterer. That would be the judgment of your fellow-men, and it would be a righteous judgment. Mark you, gentlemen, mark you, gentlemen, this letter is written by a man who says on the 1st day of January, 1871, that he considered that he had been the cause of all this ruin and desolation. He was then in possession of profound grief over wrongs of which he believed himself, though unconsciously, to have been the cause—a home well-nigh ruined and desolated by his confessed acts; and yet, writing to that woman, the mother, the head of that home, such a letter as that, without asking any explanation, without giving any explanation, without so much as making an allusion to all that had preceded that had so frenzied him and driven him almost mad, he writes it as though nothing had ever occurred between them, and from the letter I read a brief extract:

"If you want to write it is safe now. I am home alone with my sister. If you choose you can do it. If I do not see you to-morrow night I am going away and will not be here."

These facts alone, stripped of every other consideration, are sufficient to condemn the defendant.

RENEWING THE INTIMACY.

Well, gentlemen, the very circumstance and fact that there was then a clandestine correspondence under the circumstances is strong evidence that there had been an improper intimacy between these parties, because if there had not been an improper intimacy between these parties the knowledge on Mr. Beecher's part, as he says, that his counsel if not his presence, tended to produce this great grief in the plaintiff's family, would have made him very careful before renewing his acquaintance with Mrs. Tilton. Certain it was that he had been forbidden ever to enter the house again. He had been forbidden ever to speak to her again. He was forbidden to speak to her or ever to go to the house, and yet he says that he will be there and writes to her, and renews his intimacy clandestinely without the knowledge of her husband, without the knowledge of the man upon whom this great wrong had been inflicted. But this is not all. Mrs. Tilton writes another letter in which she undertakes to excuse herself, and makes excuses for having confessed her guilt, and for having communicated the fact to her husband. The date is May 3, 1871.

Mr. Evarts—What is the date of the other letter?

Mr. Morris—March 8, 1871.

Mr. Evarts—There is no date on it.

Mr. Morris—There is no date on it, but we say it is March 8, 1871. There is, however, a letter of Mrs. Tilton's which I desire to bring in in this connection because it is upon the same subject. It is dated Jan. 20, 1872, and I will read but a small portion of it. She says:

"My future, either for life or death would be happier could I but feel that you forgave while you did not forget me. In all the sad events of the past year I have endeavored to keep you from all suffering, and to bear them myself alone, leaving you forever ignorant of them * * * and now I ask for forgiveness."

MRS. TILTON CONFESSED THE CRIME.

As I have said we claim, and it will be made manifest to you, gentleman, that Mrs. Tilton confessed this crime to her husband, and that she now asks his forgiveness for having made and that confession to her husband, and that is what the letter refers to. The letter of Mr. Beecher is dated January, 1872, and closes as follows:

"I shall be in New-Haven next week, and begin my course of lectures to the Theological classes on preaching. My wife takes the boat for Havana and Florida, on Thursday. I called on Monday and you were out."

These clandestine letters were discovered after Mrs. Tilton deserted her home, on the 11th of July last, and that was the first knowledge that the plaintiff had that there had been any communication between the defendant and his wife. I have already called your attention to the character of these letters to sufficiently indicate their meaning, and will now pass on to another topic. I have been speaking of the facts embraced within the period between Feb. 7 and April 2, 1872.

MRS. MORSE'S LETTER.

The next letter in the order of these events is written by Mrs. Morse to Mr. Beecher, and by him delivered to Mr. Moulton as the custodian of his secret. But I will call your attention to a paragraph of it as being, to my mind, very significant. It is dated Oct. 24, 1871, and commences: "My dear son," and then continues:

"Do come and see me. I will promise that the "secret of her life," as she calls it, shall not be mentioned. I know it is hard to bring it up, as you must have suffered intensely, and we all will, I fear, till released by death. Do you pray for me? If not, *pray do.* I never felt more rebellious than now, more need of God's and human help. Do you know I think it strange you should ask me to call you "son" when I have told darling I felt if you could, in safety to yourself and all concerned, you would be to me all this endearing name. Am I mistaken?

MOTHER.

"The secret of her life," she writes, shall not be mentioned "if you will call and see me." Do come and see me, and the secret of her life which has caused you, and all of us until released by death, such intense sorrow and pain shall not be mentioned. I will not bring it up; I will not harrow your feelings by alluding to that, so you may have no apprehension on that score. I will not allude to the secret of her life, she says.

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

What are these people talking about, gentlemen, in such a mysterious way? What are they talking about? What does this mean—Mrs. Morse writing to Mr. Beecher such a letter as this in such language as this? What does it mean? What is "the secret of her life," that harasses them and will continue to harrass them all "until released by death?" What is it Mr. Beecher knows about it. She knows about it. She assumes the fact that he knows all about it, and she assumes the fact that he knows that she knows all about it, and they talk about the matter as one well understood between them, that "the secret of her life" shall not be mentioned. I know, she says, you must have suffered intensely, and we all shall, I fear, until released by death. What are they talking about? What is this secret that can have caused so much pain, so much anguish, that it should never be mentioned? It is too bitter, too piercing, too sharp-pointed, to be talked about. Let it therefore be forgotten and never mentioned.

THIS IS NO ORDINARY CASE.

This is no ordinary case, where the parties are judged by the ordinary rules of evidence. In any ordinary case that you might be called upon to try between people of less distinction, with one-half the evidence that I have detailed to you, you would not hesitate for a moment to put the seal of your condemnation upon the destroyer. But we dare not stop even here. It would seem as though the case were proved over and over again by the confessions of the defendant, by the confessions of his victim, by the knowledge communicated by her mother, by these letters, which are plain, clear, and unmistakable. Yet I say we dare not stop even here, and I propose from this period onward to present to you evidence still more conclusive than any that has preceded it—evidence so clear, so conclusive, so convincing, that you would not hesitate, or will not hesitate for a single moment, to give us that justice which we claim that we ought to have at your hands. We come here from a blighted and desolated home. The children of my client are scattered in different parts. He returns to-night to a home as cheerless and as desolate as any home there is in this broad land, and from that home he will come in the morning to meet you—fathers, and brothers, and husbands, with happy homes. With this I will close my remarks for to-day.

The Court—Could you not finish this afternoon?

Mr. Beach—It is not possible, Sir.

The Court was then adjourned to this morning at 11 o'clock.

GARIBALDI ON THE WAR OF 1870.

The following is a translation of the letter addressed by Gen. Garibaldi to Signor Bordone in answer to the accusations brought against the General and his son by M. Perrot in his report to the French Assembly on the campaign of 1870:

CAPRERA, Dec. 15, 1874.

MY DEAR BORDONE: There is no epoch in the whole of the military history of France which is marked by so much humiliation and imbecility as the period which began with the year 1870, and continuing, unfortunately, to these days, shows as yet no signs of ending. Corrupted by the twofold disease of a masked despotism and the most shameless and lying clericalism that was ever seen, the noble nation which for scarcely less than a century has proclaimed the sacred principles of liberty and the rights of man, presents to-day to the eyes of the astonished world the sad spectacle of a humiliating decline such as history has never before witnessed. That degradation of France, which goes by the name of rurals and priests would with its processions, miracles, lies, blot out the disgrace with which it has stained the glorious standard of France. Priests and aristocracy, old and new, have begotten or resuscitated the Empire, and—necessary consequence of that monstrous abortion—the complete destruction of the finest army in the four catastrophes of Metz, Sedan, Paris, and the Jura; in which, without exception, the supreme commanders of the forces led their soldiers to massacre or servitude with an idiocy and stupidity of which it is impossible to find examples elsewhere. Armies of more than 100,000 men surrounded by forces of inferior numbers and compelled to lay down their arms—here are incredible things; but here is the true motive of the hatred and spite shown toward that brave little Army of the Vosges, which committed the great fault of not allowing itself to be beaten and surrounded like the great marshals of the Empire. "These are the barricades that saved the south of France," said a French peasant, pointing to a shred of red cloth which his plow had turned up together with the bones of one of the brave defenders of Dijon. And the word of sympathy and fellowship of the French peasant is sufficient to compensate us for the coarse, envenomed, and contemptible invectives launched against us from the sacristy and by the rurals. According to Perrot's report to the French Assembly, Ricciotti, the youthful victor of Chatillon, with his 1,200 francitreurs, had in a cowardly manner permitted Manteuffel's 30,000 men to march toward the east. The admiration of those who knew that young man upon the field of battle and a sword of honor presented to him, as Chief of the Fourth Brigade, in those days by his brave companions in arms, free me from the necessity of condescending to a justification of the military conduct of my son. "Not a single hour, not a single hour, did the Army of the Vosges fight against Manteuffel's forces to prevent them from marching against Bourbaki." Perhaps it was Perrot and his Versailles brethren who fought and drove back the enemy on the 21st, 22d, and 23d of January—three days of almost uninterrupted fighting—when I had at my disposition about 8,000 men of the Army of the Vosges and 15,000 mobilized National Guards commanded by Gen. Pellissier; of whom one-half were without arms and the necessaries of a campaign, and had only been placed under my orders a few days previously—a force scarcely sufficient to defend our positions. Finally, contemporaneously with the armistice—to which, without our knowledge, we had not the honor of being admitted—with the threatened capitulation of Paris and the retreat of the Army of the East into Switzerland—then, I say, they sent us cavalry, artillery, and as many mobiles as they had at their disposal. But it was too late, and if we had remained twenty-four hours longer at Dijon we should have been surrounded and crushed by a force of immensely superior numbers. Oh, it France could only obliterate the pages of her history which bear the impress of the *année terrible,* and which were written by the pen, dipped in mire, of her aristocracy, of her clergy, and of her Marshals! But who can erase the pages of history! And who will cleanse that noble people from the twofold disgrace of its aristocracy and its priesthood! Liberty will undoubtedly work this miracle. Yours, G. GARIBALDI.

P. S.—If the Army of the East—informed, like myself, of the movement of Manteuffel—instead of retreating upon Switzerland by the Jura Mountains, then covered with snow and ice, had withdrawn by the valley of the Doubs, which was its natural line of communication and supplies, with the forts of Besançon and Auxerre for its supports, and where we—occupying Mount Volland, which commanded Dôle, Dijon, and their neighborhood—would certainly have supported them with all our strength, their retreat would not have proved so terrible a disaster. Gen. Bourbaki, however, refusing to put himself in communication with the general Garibaldi, never sent me any information concerning his movements or his position, although his army might have executed its flank march from the Nièvre to the valley of the Doubs covered by small bodies of our army on its left flank, where the enemy was posted. When I received information of that fatal retreat, and set out with a small vanguard by rail to assist it, having commanded all my forces to follow me, I found, on arriving at Lons le Jannier, that the Army of the East had already entered Switzerland.

CANADIAN EXPLORATIONS.

WHAT WAS DONE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

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LOUISIANA IN CONGRESS.

DEBATE ON TWO NEW RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM MAJOR MERRILL AND GEN. EMORY—WASHINGTON AND NEW-YORK ADVOCATES OF ASSASSINATION—SENATOR SCHURZ'S RESOLUTION AND SPEECH—SELF-GOVERNMENT THE TRUE REMEDY FOR THE EXISTING EVILS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—In the Senate to-day the Louisiana question came up on two new resolutions.

Mr. CLAYTON, of Arkansas, said he supposed every Senator desired all the information which could be obtained in regard to the Louisiana trouble; he therefore asked unanimous consent to take up and pass the resolution heretofore submitted by him requesting the Secretary of War, if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the Senate the official report and communications of Major Lewis Merrill, United States Army, in reference to the Coushatta troubles.

Mr. MERRIMON, of North Carolina, objected, and Mr. Clayton gave notice that he would move to take up the resolution after the morning business.

At the expiration of the morning hour, he moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of his resolution, which was agreed to.

Mr. DAVIS, of West Virginia, inquired if this was the same Major Merrill who was on duty in South Carolina, where he committed outrages upon inoffensive citizens, and was afterward transferred to Louisiana, where he has insulted citizens, cut telegraph wires, and committed sundry other offenses, for which he is now under arrest. He (Mr. Davis) would like to have the resolution amended so as to have Gen. Emory report upon the conduct of this same officer.

Mr. CLAYTON said he had known Major Merrill for years, and all he knew about him led him to believe that he was an honorable man and a true soldier—a soldier who dared to do his duty in the face of all the abuse leveled at every soldier who dared to do his duty in a Southern State.

Mr. CLAYTON then moved to amend the resolution by striking out the concluding portion in reference to the Coushatta troubles, and inserting the words, "relating to certain disorders in Louisiana."

Mr. MERRIMON, of North Carolina, submitted an amendment, requesting the Secretary of War to lay before the Senate the official letters, communications, and reports of Gen. Emory, of the United States Army, in reference to any disorders in any way connected with the late elections in Louisiana.

Mr. CLAYTON opposed the amendment, and said, if it was the intention of the Senator from North Carolina, by his ingenious subterfuge to suppress the information called for by his (Mr. Clayton's) resolution, he wanted the responsibility to rest with his friend's (Mr. Merrimon's) party.

ADVOCATES OF ASSASSINATION.

Mr. WEST, of Louisiana, said while Congress was considering the events occurring in Louisiana, it might as well give some attention to events near at hand. It should not forget that here in the City of Washington, in the *Capital* of yesterday was a direct proposition for the assassination of the President.

Mr. THURMAN—Which capital—Donn Piatt's *Capital* or this Capitol? [Laughter.]

Mr. WEST then sent to the Clerk's desk and had read an article from the *Capital* of yesterday commenting on the recent anonymous letters threatening assassination, and stating, of course, that such a course would be deplorable. But lawless violence is a dangerous game, and sometimes ends in the destruction of its instigators. He also had read a communication signed "J. H. H." published in the New-York *Tribune* of Saturday last, concluding as follows: "Some one will play Brutus to this Grant's Cæsar without fail, which, by the way, would be a great blessing to the country." Resuming his argument, Mr. West said there was an atmosphere of assassination not only in Washington but in the metropolis of the country, and asked if the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Thurman) would be facetious over this. He (Mr. West) knew the Senator would rise in his seat and condemn assassination. He thought it had taste for any Senator to state that Major Merrill was under arrest unless he knew the fact.

Mr. THURMAN said he was not in a dramatic mood this morning, and therefore did not propose to take part in the little comedy which the Senator from Louisiana had seen fit to present on the stage this morning. As to facetiousness, he (Mr. Thurman) thought if the editor of the *Capital* was not facetious next Sunday over the speech of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. West) then Donn Piatt would have lost that wit for which he had had the reputation for the last thirty years. As to the *Tribune*, he (Mr. Thurman) never saw the article read, though that paper did not need any defense from him; it was able to take care of itself. When the Senator (Mr. West) asked if any Senator here defended assassination, he put an impertinent and an insolent question. This was not a country for assassination. There never was an assassination in America which the whole American people did not condemn. The attempt of the Senator (Mr. West) to create the impression here that assassination was in the air was about the driest bubble ever found in an empty head. [Great laughter.]

The amendment submitted by Mr. Clayton to strike out the words in reference to Coushatta, and insert the words "relating to certain disorders in Louisiana," was agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Merrimon calling for the official report of Gen. Emory in regard to disorders in any way connected with the late election was also agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

MR. SCHURZ'S RESOLUTION TAKEN UP.

Mr. SCHURZ then called up the resolution submitted by him on Friday last, instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire what legislation on Congress is necessary to secure to the people of Louisiana their rights of self-government under the Constitution, and report with the least possible delay by bill or otherwise.

The galleries being crowded, Mr. STEVENSON, of Kentucky, moved that the privileges of the floor in favor of the seat be granted to ladies who could not gain admission to the galleries.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, objected.

SPEECH OF MR. SCHURZ.

Mr. SCHURZ said: I beg the Senate to believe that I approach the subject before us in no partisan spirit. About to retire to private station, the success of no party can benefit, the defeat of no party injure me, except in those interests I have in common with all American citizens, whose children's fortunes are bound up with those of the Republic. I have formed my opinions with deliberation, and in an impartial manner; I shall endeavor to express them in calm and temperate language. The subject is so grave that passion or prejudice should have no share in our judgment. I confess that the news from Louisiana has profoundly alarmed me. A thing has happened which not only never happened before in this Republic, but which, I am sure, very few of us ever thought possible. In the debates of last week it was frequently said that no expression of opinion for that occurrence was right until an official report should have laid all the facts in detail before us. I do not think so. All the important circumstances of it seem to have come to our knowledge through a multitude of concurrent statements—among them the elaborate dispatch of Gen. Sheridan, and the statements of Wiltz and Kellogg, and all the points that have been mentioned as still to be cleared up seem to me of secondary consequence. All reports agree as to the following facts: On the 4th of January the Legislature of Louisiana was to assemble and organize. The State-house was surrounded by armed forces, among them troops of the United States Army. The Legislature assembled without any disturbance of the public peace at the time and place fixed by law. The Clerk of the old House of Representatives called the roll of members elected as elected according to the list furnished by the Returning Board. A legal quorum answered to their names. While the result was being announced a motion was made by a member (Mr. Bulleu) to appoint L. A. Wiltz temporary speaker. That motion was put and declared carried, not, however, by the Clerk. Mr. Wiltz took possession of the chair. The oath of office was administered to him by Justice Houston. A motion was made to appoint P. F. Trevesant Clerk; E. Flood as Sergeant at Arms *pro tem.* The motion was declared carried. A resolution was then offered to admit the following persons to seats in the Legislature: C. H. Schuyler and John States, of De Soto Parish; James Brice, Jr., of Bienville Parish; C. C. Dunn, of Grant Parish, and George A. Kelly, of Winne Parish. The status of these persons was the following: The Returning Board had declined passing judgment upon the election in the four parishes named, and expressly referred the claims of the five persons whose names I have mentioned to the Legislature itself, thus distinctly recognizing the possibility of their being legally-elected members of that Legislature. The question on the resolution to seat them was put and declared carried, thus admitting them to seats, subject to further contest. They were sworn in. Motions were made to proceed to the election of permanent officers. L. A. Wiltz was nominated for Speaker by the Conservatives, and Mr. Hahn and Mr. Lowell by the Republicans. The motion was declared carried. Mr. Lowell protested. The roll was called, and 55 votes were cast for Mr. Wiltz as Speaker and 2 for Hahn—a legal quorum voting, and fourteen members present refusing to vote. Mr. Wiltz was sworn in, and the roll being called, the members were also sworn in by him as the Speaker's stand, fifty-nine in all, among them five Republicans—Messrs. Hahn, Baker, Drury, Murrell, and Thomas, who participated in the proceedings. A permanent Clerk and Sergeant at Arms were likewise declared elected. Upon motion, Mr. Wiltz, as Speaker, then announced that the House was permanently organized and ready for business. Upon motion of Mr. Dupré a committee of seven on Elections and Returns was appointed. In the meantime considerable disturbance and confusion had arisen in the lobby, which the Sergeant at Arms did not succeed in quelling. Mr. Wiltz, the Speaker, then sent for Gen. De Trobriand, United States Army, who had sometime previous occupied the State-house with his soldiers, and requested him to speak to the disorderly persons in the lobby, that a conflict might be prevented. The General did so, and order was restored. The House proceeded with business. The Committee on Elections and Returns reported, and upon their report the following persons were seated as members and sworn in: John Ludlam, of the Parish of Avoyelles; J. J. Horan, A. D. Hand, and Thomas B. Vaughn, of the Parish of Caddo; J. Jeffries, R. L. Luckett, and G. W. Stafford, of the Parish of Rapides, and William F. Schwing, of the Parish of Iberia. Then, at 3 o'clock P. M., Gen. De Trobriand, of the United States Army, entered the legislative hall in full uniform, and with his sword by his side, accompanied by his staff and Mr. Vigers, the Clerk of the late House of Representatives, exhibited the following documents:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, NEW-ORLEANS, La., Jan. 4.

Gen. De Trobriand, Commanding:

An illegal assembly of men having taken possession of halls of the House of Representatives, and the Police not being able to dislodge them, I respectfully request that you will immediately clear the hall and State-house of all persons not returned as legal members of the House of Representatives by the Returning Board of the State.

(Signed,) W. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 4.

Gen. De Trobriand:

The Clerk of the House, who has in his possession the roll issued by the Secretary of State as legal members of the House of Representatives, will point out to you those persons now in the hall of the House of Representatives returned by the legal Returning Board of the State.

W. P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State.

The chair refused to permit Mr. Vigers to read these documents to the House and to call the roll of members. Whereupon Gen. De Trobriand, United States Army, had pointed out to him, by one Hugh J. Campbell and one F. C. Anderson, the persons holding seats to be ejected from the Legislature of Louisiana; and those persons refusing to go out, he ordered a file of United States soldiers, with fixed bayonets, into that legislative hall, who seized the persons pointed out to them against their protests, and ejected them by force from their seats in the Legislature of a State. And who were those persons? When the Legislature convened they were claimants for seats on the ground of the votes they had received, some of them presenting claims so strong on the ground of majorities so large that a Returning Board such as Louisiana had did not dare to decide against them, and when they had been ejected in a Legislature organized as I have described, United States soldiers, with fixed bayonets, decided the case against them, and took them out of the legislative hall by force. When that had been done the Conservative members left that hall in a body with solemn protest. The United States soldiery kept possession, and then the Republican, under their protection, organized the legislature to suit themselves. This is what happened in the late election of Louisiana on the 4th of January.

CAUSES FOR FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.

Sir, there is one thing which every free people, living under a constitutional government, watches with peculiar jealousy as the most essential safeguard of representative institutions—it is the absolute freedom of the Legislature from interference on the part of Executive power, especially by force. And, therefore, in a truly constitutional government, whether the proceedings of the Legislature be good or bad, is such interference, especially as concerns the admission of its own members, most emphatically condemned, and most carefully guarded against, whether it proceed from a Governor, or a President, or a King, under whatever circumstances or pretext; and whenever such interference is successfully carried out, it is always and justly looked upon as a sure symptom of the decline of free institutions. There is another thing which especially the American people hold as sacred as the life element of their republican freedom; it is the right to govern and administer their local affairs independently through the exercise of that self-government which lives in the organization of the States; and therefore we find in the Constitution of the Republic the power of the National Government to interfere in State affairs most scrupulously limited to certain well-defined cases, and the observance of certain strictly-prescribed forms; and if these limitations be arbitrarily disregarded by the national authorities we shall surely say that our system of republican government is in danger. We are, by the recent events in Louisiana, forced to inquire how the cause of local self-government and of legislative privileges stands to-day in the United States. Before laying their hands upon things so important and sacred the authorities should have well assured themselves that they have the clearest, most obvious, and most unequivocal warrant of law for their doing. What is that warrant? In the Constitution we find but one sentence referring to the subject. It says, in section 4, article 4: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion, and, on application of the Legislature, or of the Executive when the Legislature cannot be convened, against domestic violence." There are two statutes prescribing the mode in which this is to be done, the statute of 1795 and the statute of 1807. The former provides "that in case of insurrection in any State against the Government thereof, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, on application of the Legislature of such State, or of the Executive when the Legislature cannot be convened, to call upon the militia of other States to suppress the insurrection." The statute of 1807 authorizes the President to employ the land and naval forces for the same purpose, having first observed the prerequisites of law. That is all. There had been in Louisiana, on the 14th of September, 1874, an insurrection against the State Government recognized by the President. That State Government had been overthrown by the insurgents. The President, having been called upon by Acting Gov. Kellogg, issued his proclamation commanding the insurgents to desist. They did so at once, and the Kellogg Government was restored, and has not been attacked since. The insurrection was totally ended.

THE AFFAIR OF THE 4TH OF JANUARY.

On the 4th of January there was no insurrection; the State of Louisiana was quiet; the laws were obeyed; there was no domestic violence—not even an attempt at it; the State-house was surrounded by the armed forces of the Governor; those forces were not resisted—their service was not even called into requisition; there was certainly no demand upon the President for military interference by the Legislature, nor was there by the Governor in case the Legislature could not be convened—for the Legislature did convene at the time and in the place fixed by law, and was called to order by the officer designated by law: and yet, there being neither insurrection nor domestic violence, there being neither a call for military interference upon the President by the Legislature nor by the Governor, in case the Legislature could not be convened—there being not the remotest shadow of an observance of all the prerequisites of law as provided by statute, the troops of the United States proceeded, not against an insurrection, not against a body of men committing domestic violence, but against a legislative body, and the soldiers were used to execute an order of the Governor determining what persons should sit in that Legislature as its members. What provision of the Constitution, what laws are there on the statute book furnishing a warrant for such proceedings? It is said in extenuation of the interference of the military power of the United States that the persons ejected from the Legislature by the Federal soldiery were not legally-elected members of that Legislature. Suppose that had been so—but that is not the question. The question is, where is the constitutional principle, where the law authorizing United States soldiers with muskets in their hands to determine who is a legally-elected member of a State Legislature and who not? It is said that the mode of organizing that Legislature was not in accordance with the statutes of the State. Suppose that had been so—but that is not the question. The question is, Where is the constitutional or legal warrant for the bayonets of the Federal soldiery to interpret the statutes of States and to decide for and in a Legislature points of parliamentary law? It is said that the Governor requested the aid of United States soldiers to purge the Legislature of illegal members. That may be so—but that is not the question. The question is, Where is the law authorizing United States soldiers to do the bidding of a State Governor who attempts to decide who are to be the members of a Legislature regularly convened at the place and at the time fixed by law? It is said that trouble was threatened between contending parties in Louisiana. Suppose that had been so—that is not the question. The question is where is the law from which the National Government, in case of threatened trouble in a State, derives its power to invade a legislative body by armed force to drag out persons seated as members of a State Legislature that, others may take their places? Where is the law, I ask? You will search the Constitution and the statutes in vain. It is my deliberate judgment, conscientiously formed, that the deed done on the 4th of January, in Louisiana, constitutes gross and manifest violation of the Constitution and laws. We have an act before us indicating a spirit in our Government which either ignores the Constitution and laws, or misinterprets them that they cease to be the safeguard of the independence of legislation, the rights and liberties of the people, and that spirit shows itself more alarming still in the instrument the Executive has chosen to carry out his will.

GEN. SHERIDAN'S DISPATCHES.

No American citizen can have read without profound regret and equally profound apprehension the recent dispatch of Gen. Sheridan to the Secretary of War, in which he suggests that a numerous class of citizens should, by wholesale, be outlawed as banditti by a mere proclamation of the President, to be delivered over to the military commander for summary judgment by a military commission. Nobody respects Gen. Sheridan more than I do for his brilliant deeds on the field of battle. The nation has delighted in honoring his name, and the nation would sincerely deplore to see the hero of the ride of Winchester and the charge at the Five Forks stain his name by an attempt to override the laws, and lead a charge against the constitutional rights of his countrymen. The policy he has proposed is so appalling that every American citizen who loves his liberty stands aghast at the mere possibility of the suggestion. If is another illustration how great a man may be as a soldier, and how conspicuously unable to understand what civil law and a constitution mean, how glad one is fighting for you, but how little fit to govern you; and yet Gen. Sheridan is not only kept in Louisiana as the instrument of the executive will, but, after all that has happened, encouraged by the emphatic approval of the executive branch of the National Government. I confess all these things have alarmed me. Not me alone, for in all parts of the country the press is giving voice to the same feeling. What I learn by private information convinces me that the press is not exaggerating the alarm of the people. On all sides we hear the questions asked: If this can be done in Louisiana, if such things be sustained by Congress, how long will it be before it can be done in Massachusetts and Ohio? How long before the constitutional rights of all the States, the self-government of all the people will be trampled under food? How long before a General of the army may sit in the chair you occupy to decide contested elections, in order to make a majority in the Senate, and before a soldier will stalk into the National House of Representatives, and, pointing to the Speaker's mall, say, "Take away that bauble!" Wild and exaggerated as these apprehensions may seem, yet these are the feelings you will hear expressed when the voice of the people penetrates to you. And I would ask you, can you ask what is possible and what not? Who is there among us who but three years ago should have expected to be called upon to approve the gross, most unjustifiable usurpation of Judge Durell and the President's enforcement of it as the lawful origin of a State Government? And who of you, when permitting that to be done, would have expected to see the United States soldiers march into a hall of a State Legislature to decide its organization? Permit that to-day, and who of you can tell me what we shall be called upon, nay, forced to permit to-morrow? Senators! we have arrived at a crisis. I will not conceal that I cannot contemplate that crisis without grave apprehensions for what has happened already makes me look forward with anxiety to what may still be in store for us. We are evidently on a downward slope, and the question is where we shall land. It is not the success of Napoleonic ambitions in this country that I fear, for if they existed they would still find in America not a French people to deal with; but what I do have reason to fear, if we continue on in that course, is this, that our time-honored constitutional principles will be gradually obliterated by repeated abuses of power establishing themselves as precedents; that the machinery of administration may become more and more a mere instrument of ring rule, a tool to manufacture majorities and to organize plunder; that in the hollow shell of republican forms the Government will become the mere footstall of rapacious and despotic factions.

THE POLICY REGARDING THE SOUTH.

I have long considered our policy concerning the South as one fraught with great danger—not only danger to the South, but to the whole Republic. I have, therefore, opposed it step by step and warned you of its inevitable consequences. I know that Southern society has been, and in a measure is, disturbed by violent tendencies and grave disorders. I have never denied it, and nobody has more earnestly condemned and denounced the acts of violence which happen than I. Those disorders I would be the last man now to palliate or excuse, but I also believed that they were, in a great measure, the offspring of circumstances, and to be expected. When the war closed a great revolution had suddenly, amid general distress and confusion, transformed the whole organization of Southern society. Not only was that system of labor uprooted with which the Southern people had for centuries considered their whole productive wealth and prosperity identified, but by the enfranchisement of the negro, that class of society which had just emerged from slavery, with all its ignorance—ignorance for which I readily admit it was not responsible—was suddenly clothed with political power, in some States an overwhelming power. That power was exerted at a time when, after the sweeping destructions of the war, the South was most in need of the wise cooperation of all its social forces to heal its wounds, and to lift itself up from its terrible prostration. The justice of the constitutional amendments, designed to secure to the slave his freedom, and to enable the colored people to maintain their rights through active participation in the functions of self-government, I shall surely not question. Neither is it the legitimate subject of this debate. But as all these tremendous transformations came at a time when the turbulence of armed conflicts had not nearly subsided, when ancient prejudices had not yet cooled, when the bitterness of the war was still fresh, when the hope of other solutions was still lingering, it was deplorable indeed, but not at all surprising, that grave disorders should have happened. No such changes have ever in a free country happened without them; and it was the business of statesmanship to calm them, to avert a great peril, and perhaps the most critical in the history of the country; for it was to overcome resistance and disturbance without developing an arbitrary spirit of power dangerous to free government. There were two methods presenting themselves to you. One was suggested by the very nature of republican institutions. It was that of the discovery and development of the remedies for existing evils as soon as the nature of the circumstances would permit; that agency upon which, after all, our republican government must rely for its vitality—the self-government of the people in the States; to trust to its healthy and natural development with healthy tendencies, by doing all in your power to make the Southern people—not only those who had profited by the social revolution in obtaining their freedom and citizenship, but also those who had suffered by it—reasonably contented with their new situation. Such a policy resorted early and with complete removal of all those political disabilities which restrained a large and influential number of white people from all direct participation in the government of their affairs, while the colored people were exercising it. That policy did, indeed, not preclude the vigorous execution of constitutional and just laws, but it would preclude arbitrary acts, thus designating all the laws that were made, but it did preclude the employment of the powers conferred by such laws for purposes of a partisan color which impeached the impartiality of the National Government and thus injured its moral authority. It would preclude abuses of every unconstitutional stretch of interference, which by an assurious example is always calculated to encourage and incite a lawless and revolutionary spirit among all classes of society. That policy required the National Government, in all its branches, should have sternly discountenanced the adventurers and blood-suckers who preyed upon the Southern people, so as not to appear as their protectors and allies. It required a conscientious employment of those moral influences which the National Government had at its command. It was not that, in the distress and confusion which followed the war, the Southern people, white and black, should have turned their eyes to the National Government for aid and guidance—that aid and guidance might have been given; not in impeding and halting but in encouraging self-government to follow its natural forms and duties. Each Federal office in the South should have been carefully filled with the wisest and best man that could be found. Now, here was the personal character of the officer of higher importance, for, being clothed by his very connection with the National Government with extraordinary moral authority, every one of them could, without undue interference with local concerns, by the very power of his example, make that moral influence most beneficially felt in his surroundings. I am not sanguine enough to believe that, had such a policy been followed, the Southern people would at once have made every Southern State a perfect model of peace and order. I know it would not, but it is my solemn conviction it would have been infinitely more productive of good; it would have been infinitely more efficient in gradually developing a satisfactory state of things than all your force laws, than all the efforts your Government officers to maintain their party ascendancy and all the usurping acts of military interference in the same direction. And above all things such a policy would have left those principles intact which give life to constitutional government. It would have spared us such an appalling spectacle as that now presented in Louisiana. It would have relieved the American people of the anxious inquiry, what is now to become of their Government. It was the policy naturally suggested by the genius of our institutions—the true policy of republican America. But there presented itself, also, another method of dealing with the irregularities and disorderly tumults in the South. It was, whenever or wherever a disturbance occurred, to use brute force to suppress it, to employ every means to keep in every State your partisans in place, and to trample down all opposition, no matter what stretch of power it might require, no matter what constitutional restriction of authority might have to be disregarded. Beyond such a method if supported by a military force sufficiently strong may also be made quite effective for a time at least. Thus you might have brought every malefactor in the South to swift punishment. Wherever three of your opponents met you might have styled it an unlawful combination of banditti and have them arrested; you might have by testimony obtained in Governmental power in the South whomsoever you liked; you might have made every colored man perfectly safe, not only in the exercise of his franchise, but in everything else; you might have struck with terror the evil-doers everywhere; you might have made the National Government the terror and the admiration of the world. That is also an effective method to keep peace and order, and works admirably so long as it lasts. It is employed with remarkable success in Russia, and may be in several other countries; but if you had by such means secured the safety of those who were disturbed or in danger, what would have become of the liberty, and rights of all of us? The method would have been effective, but it would have been a cruel stroke of irony to call the United States any longer a republic. I do not mean to insinuate that you wanted to do this. I know you did not. You did not intend to employ such means, and you would have recoiled from such a result. You tried a middle course. You respected the self-government of the States in point of form; but while you did the Executive omitted to use those moral influences which would have inspired that self-government with healthy tendencies, you passed laws conferring upon the National Government dangerous powers of very doubtful constitutionality; as least so I thought, and opposed them.

RESULTS OF THE POLICY PURSUED.

The effect was most deplorable in several ways. Your partisans in the Southern States, and among them the greediest and corruptest of the kind, began to look upon Congress and the National Executive as their natural allies and sworn protectors, bound to sustain them in power by whatever means. Every vagabond in the South, calling himself a Republican, thought himself entitled to aid from you when rushing on to Congress with an outrage story. The colored people began to think that you were bound to protect them in whatever they might do, instead of depending upon a precedent and honest use of their own political rights to establish their position. The Federal office-holders in the South became more than ever the centres of partisan intrigue and trickery. The Caseys and Packards carried off State Senators on a United States revenue cutter, and shut up a Republican Governor in the Custom-house, guarded by United States soldiers, to keep out another Republican faction. Nay, more than that, the same Packard, during the last election campaign in Louisiana, being at the same time United States Marshal, and Chairman of the Campaign Committee of the Kellogg party, managed not only the political campaign, but also the movement of United States troops—"to enforce the laws"—to keep his political opponents from intimidating his political friends. But, more than that; in one State after another, we see enterprising politicians start rival Legislatures, much in the way of Mexican *pronunciamientos* and rival Governments, calculating upon the aid they may get from the National Government; and the Attorney General of the United States, called upon to make or unmake State Governments with the wave of his hand, and the Department of Justice, at most appearing like a central bureau for the regulation of State elections; and still more than that, a Federal Judge in Louisiana, by a midnight order, universally recognized as a gross and most unjustifiable usurpation, virtually making a State Governor and Legislature; the National Executive, with the army, sustaining that usurpation, and Congress permitting it to be done; and now as the culminating glory—Federal soldiers, with fixed bayonets, marching into the legislative hall of a State, dragging out by force men universally recognized as claimants for membership, and having been seated; soldiers deciding a contested election case and organizing a legislative body; the Lieutenant General suggesting to the President to outlaw by proclamation a numerous class of people by wholesale, that he may try them by military commission; and then the Secretary of War informing the Lieutenant General by telegraph that the Government has full confidence in his wisdom. And beyond this, the whites of the South gradually driven to look upon the National Government as their implacable and unscrupulous enemy and the people of the whole country full of anxiety and alarm about the safety of republican institutions and the rights of every man in the land. Ah! Senators, you did not mean this, I trust, but there is not a single one of these things has happened, without exciting in you an emotion of anxiety and the wish that nothing similar should come again. But you have followed, step by step, reluctantly perhaps, but you did follow. Now you know not where you may have to go, unless here you make a stand. You meant only to protect colored men in their rights, and to this end to keep your friends in power. You did not mean to do it by the Russian method, but from small beginnings something has grown up of near kin to it. A few steps further and you may have the whole. If you do not want to go on, then I say to you it is the highest time to turn back.

A WARNING.

It will not do to permit such things as we now behold to pass without rebuke and resistance, for to permit them is to urge them on. I have heard it said that he who justifies murder in the South is the accomplice of the murderer. Be it so. But consider also that he, who in a place like ours, fails to stop, or even justifies a blow at the fundamental law of the land, makes himself the accomplice of those who strike at the life, the republican liberty of the people. Above all things indulge in no delusion about the consequences of your doings. Be bold enough to look the great question in the face. If you really think that the peace and order of society are no longer to be maintained through the self-government of the people under the Constitution, and the impartial enforcement of constitutional laws—that this old machinery of free government can no longer be trusted with its most important functions, and that such transgressions on the part of those in power as now pass before us are right and necessary for the public welfare—then admit that this Government of the people, for the people and by the people, is a miscarriage. Let the hundredth anniversary of the Republic be the confession of its failure, and make up your minds to change the form as well as the nature of our institutions. To play at Republic would then be a mockery. But do not delude yourselves and others with the thought that by following this fatal road you can still preserve those institutions where the forms of constitutional government can be violated with impunity. The spirit of constitutional government will soon be dead. Who can tell me what the Republic will be sometimes the theatres of confusion, disturbance, and violent transgressions, more frequently perhaps than monarchies governed by strong despotic rule? The institutions of Republics have to pay some price for the great boon of their constitutional liberty. But do we not also know that in Republics remedies for such evils can be found in entire consonance within the spirit and form of republican institutions and constitutional government. Let nobody suspect me of favoring or excusing disorder and violent transgressions, for I insist that such remedies can be found and effectively applied. But pusillanimous and dangerous to republican institutions is that statesmanship which, to repress transgressions and secure the safety of some, can devise only such means as, by violating constitutional principles and forms, will endanger the liberty of all. You say that it is one of the first duties of a Government to protect the lives and property and rights of the citizens, and so it is; but also it is the first duty of a constitutional government carefully to abstain from employing for that protection such means which will in the the end place the lives and property and rights of the citizens at the mercy of an arbitrary power. Let such a policy be adopted and followed, and free institutions will soon be on the downward slope. Have we read the history of the downfall of Republics in vain? It teaches us a familiar and terribly instructive lesson. Tempers and blunderers in power pretend that the safety and order of society cannot be maintained by measures within the form of constitutions and law, and lawyers employ their wit to justify the usurpation by quibbling on technicalities or pleading the necessities of the case. What first appeared an isolated and comparatively harmless act is, by repetition, developed into a system, and there is the end of constitutional government. Let us not close our ears against the teachings of centuries, for if we do a repentance of centuries might be in vain. I repeat, republican institutions and self-government have the means to right the wrongs occurring, and if left to their legitimate action, it will prove far more efficient to that end than the arbitrary measures we are witnessing.

THE END DESIRED.

What is it you desire to accomplish? Those who are honest patriots, having only the welfare of the people and not selfish partisan advantage, at heart, will desire—indeed, in the Southern States peace and order should prevail, and that every citizen should be protected in his life and property and rights; and that to this end a patriotic and enlightened public opinion should develop itself strong enough to prevent or repress violence and crime through the ordinary ways of local self-government. If this be accomplished, no matter under what party auspices, then as good citizens and patriots, we must be satisfied. Now, look at the condition of the Southern States. I remember the time, not many years ago, when Virginia was said to be in an alarming condition. I remember prominent representatives of that State having assured us that, if the so-called Conservatives of that State should obtain the control of the Government, no negro would be safe and the streets and fields would run with blood. So it was with North Carolina, so with Georgia, and indeed there was much lamentable disorder occurring in those States during the first years after the war. What was the remedy? You remember the policy was urged with regard to Georgia. It was to prolong the existence of Gov. Bullock's Legislature for two years beyond its constitutional term; to strengthen the power of Gov. Bullock, the champion plunderer of Georgia, who, not long after, had to run away to escape the civil justice and punishment he richly deserved, and was done the Senator from Indiana predicted a carnival of murder and streams of blood. Well, it was not done. The people of those States gradually recovered the free exercise of self-government, and what was the result? Virginia is to-day as quiet and orderly a State as she ever was—as any other, in fact; and every citizen is securely enjoying his rights. And who will deny that in North Carolina and Georgia an improvement has taken place, standing in most glaring contrast to the fearful predictions made by the advocates of Federal interference, and that most happy improvement is sustained in those States under and by the self-government of the people? That is a matter of history unquestionable and unquestioned, and that improvement will proceed further under the same self-government of the people as society becomes more firmly settled in its new condition, and is by necessity led to recognize more clearly the dependence of its dearest interests on the maintenance of public order and safety. That is the natural development of things. It will help the Senator from Indiana little to say that the Republican vote has generally fallen off in Georgia, and that this fact is conclusive proof of a general system of intimidation practiced upon the negroes. It is scarcely needed to report here the unquestionably truthful statements which has been made and proved, that the falling off of the colored vote was in great measure accounted for by the non-payment on the part of the colored people of the school-tax, on the payment of which their vote depended. But I will say there was a falling off in the Republican vote in a great many States that fell for some cause, not only in the South but the North, and the cause which operated on the whites, may it not operate on the blacks? What kind of logic, what kind of statesmanship is it which, as we have witnessed so frequently on this floor, takes the statistics of population of a State and then proceeds to reason thus: So many colored people, so many white people, furnishing so many colored and so many white votes, therefore so many Republican votes, and so many Democratic votes, and if an election does not show them in that proportion it must be the result of fraud and intimidation, and the National Government must interfere? When we have established the rule that election returns must be made or corrected according to the statistics of population, then we may decide elections beforehand by the United States census or last year's *Tribune Almanac*, and dispense with the trouble of voting.

INTIMIDATION.

Intimidation of voters, I doubt not there has been much of it; there has been much of it by terrorism; by the discharge of laborers from employment—but not on one side alone. I shall be the last man on earth to say a word of excuse for the Southern ruffian who threatens a negro voter with violence. I know no language too severe to condemn him. But I cannot forget that the only act of terrorism and intimidation I ever happened to witness with my own eyes was the cruel clubbing and stoning of a colored man in North Carolina in 1870 by men of his own race, because he had declared for the Conservatives; and if the whole story of the South were told, it would be discovered that such a practice has not been infrequent. I cannot forget the spectacle of Marshal Packard with the dragoons of the United States at the disposition of the Chairman of the Kellogg Campaign Committee, at the late election, riding through the State with a full assortment of warrants to arrest men by the wholesale; I cannot forget that, as to the discharge of laborers from employment for political cause, a most seductive and demoralizing example is set by the highest authority in the land. While we have a law on our statute book imposing a penalty for the intimidation of voters by threatened or actual discharge from employment, it is the notorious practice of your Government to discharge every one of its employes who dares to oppose the Administration party, and that is done North and South, and East and West, wherever the arm of the Government reaches. I have always condemned every species of intimidation interfering with the freedom of political action, and, therefore, I am for a genuine civil service reform. But while your National Government is the champion intimidator in the land, you must not be surprised if partisans on all sides profit from its teachings.

DIVISION OF THE COLORED VOTE THE SALVATION OF THE BLACKS.

Nor do I think that the intimidation which deters a colored man from voting with the opposition is less detestable or less harmful to him than that which threatens him as a Republican. I shall hail the day as a most auspicious one for the colored race in the South when they cease to stand as a solid mass under the control and discipline of one political organization, thus being arrayed as a race against a race; when they throw off the scandalous leadership of those adventurers who, taking advantage of their ignorance, make them the tools of tyrannical rapacity, and throw upon them the odium of their misdeeds; when they begin to see the identity of their own true interests with those of the white people among whom they live; when they begin to understand that they greatly injure those common interests by using their political power for the elevation of men, black or white, whose ignorance or unscrupulousness unfits them for responsible trust; when freely, according to their best judgments, they divide their votes between the different political parties; when, thus giving to each party a chance to obtain their votes, they make it the interest and natural policy of each party to protect their safety and respect their rights in order to secure those votes. I repeat what I once said in another place: "Not in union is their safety," but in division. Whenever the colored voters will have become an important element, not only in one, but in both parties, then both parties, under an impulse of self-interest, will rival each other in affording them the fullest protection. Let them take a lesson from the history of the adopted citizens of this country. As long as they stood in solid mass on the side of one party schemes dangerous to their rights were thought of by the other. When both parties obtained a share, both hoping for more, both became their friends. This will be the development in the South, and a most fortunate one for the colored people. It has commenced in the States I have mentioned, where self-government goes its way unimpeded. I fervently hope the frantic partisan efforts to prevent it in others will not much longer prevail. I hope it as a true friend of the colored people. But the Senator from Indiana may say that will bring about a still greater falling off in the Republican vote. Ah! Sir, that may be. But do you not profess to be sincerely solicitous for the safety and rights of the colored man? Are not some of you even willing to see the most essential principles of constitutional government invaded, to see a State Government set up by judicial usurpation, to see State Legislatures organized by Federal soldiers, that the colored man may be safe. You can have it much cheaper by the method I advise. The colored man will be safer than under a broken constitution. The peace of society will be more naturally and securely established than under the fitful interference of military force; and that can be done by permitting self-government to have its course. But the Republican vote may fall off; the party may suffer—indeed it may. But, Sir, I ask the party, or rather its name of fame, so sacred that its selfish advantage should be considered superior to the peace and order of society and good understanding among the people. I do not hesitate to say that I prefer the Conservative government of Virginia to the Republican government of Louisiana. If I mistake not, a vast majority of the American people are of the same opinion. I ask what would you have made of Georgia had you forced upon its neck, assumed to be desired by some, the yoke of the Bullocks and Foster Blodgetts? What would you have made of Virginia and North Carolina if such a Federal Judge, by an act of usurpation like Durell's, had created a Republican State Government there, or the President had enforced it with the bayonets of the army. Where now you see the steady growth of peace and order and a fruitful cooperation of the social elements, there would be bloody conflicts of infuriated factions, society torn to pieces by deadly feuds, and a prostrate prosperity. But you might have republican State government as a compensation. I ask you, is that what you want? If you do I am sure the patriotic people of the country are not with you. O Senators! it is time we should understand that this Republic we have inherited, cause of law and order, that it is, in our representative place, do not respect the law, and if we permit the Government to violate it. Every lawless act of those in power professedly intended to serve the cause of peace and order will produce to that cause of peace and order its greatest danger.

REVOLUTION BEGETTING REVOLUTION.

You want the people of the South, and especially of Louisiana, to become law-abiding citizens, and to make them so the national authority has imposed upon them a government which is the offspring of gross usurpation and revolutionary proceedings. How can you expect them to respect those revolutionary acts if the National Government has set them so revolutionary an example? How can you fill them with reverence for the sanctity of the laws if your National Government does not respect them? The people of the South are not a people of murderous bandits, as the most morbid fanaticism of partisanship will call them so. Such bad sentiments among them, and you blame the better classes of society for not putting them down by their own efforts. But is not the National Government itself, by resorting to usurpation and unconstitutional proceedings, giving to the bad men a strength they could not have without such example? In all things we every one of them in his opposition to the law acts to assume the attitude of a defender of constitutional principles and republican liberty! You speak of protecting the negro. Woe to the negroes of the South if, after their unscrupulous leaders have done so much to identify them with organized corruption and rapacity, you, by employing or sanctioning unconstitutional means for their protection, now identify them also with the overthrow of constitutional principles and contempt for the laws of the

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Mr. Schurz's speech in the Senate yesterday turned first on the recent occurrences in Louisiana, and their legal bearings, and, secondly, on the general policy of the Government with reference to the South. He contended that the intervention of United States troops in the organization of the House of Assembly in Louisiana could not be justified under the Constitution, and the laws made in pursuance of it, because there was in these no authority given to the President to so employ them. It was idle to say that they were used upon the request of the Governor, since the Governor himself had no authority to interfere by force in the matter, and consequently could not lawfully require the aid of the United States. And the intervention, being unauthorized and for a wrong purpose, becomes a dangerous precedent. Secondly, however, this action was to a great extent a logical outgrowth of the policy of the Government, which had involved to too great a degree the use of force, and to too small a degree the employment of pacific measures. Mr. Schurz frankly conceded that the purpose of the Republican Party—the protection of the negro in his rights—was a legitimate and obligatory one, but he criticised the methods by which it had been pursued. The speech was elaborate and temperate, and the report of it will be read with interest and profit.

There was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday, by Mr. S. S. Cox, a resolution which, we suppose, may be regarded as embodying the Democratic proposition for dealing with Louisiana. It demanded the absolute withdrawal of the United States forces from the State. This is a very simple plan, but it goes as far toward one extreme as Gen. Sheridan's proposition for general military commissions goes toward the other. Congress has a duty to perform in this matter which cannot be evaded by any such short and easy method as Mr. Cox proposes. That duty consists in determining in whose behalf the United States Government shall act in Louisiana, when called upon to act, and in directing under what circumstances, and in what manner, the President shall employ the physical power of the Government. As the laws stand, the President is left with very loose instructions, and a much larger discretion than he can either desire or profitably employ. He is governed by laws passed many years since, and which have only incomplete application to present circumstances. It is obviously much easier for Congress to say to the President, draw off the troops, than it is to perform carefully its own duties; but it is not wise or fair to do so. The Constitution makes it primarily the duty of Congress to prescribe how the power of the Government shall be employed, and it is nonsense to declare, as Mr. Cox does in effect, that they shall not be employed at all.

The attorneys for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company appear to have been largely employed in "breaking up" checks. There is Mr. Schumaker for example. He got a check on May 28, 1872, for $275,000, "with instructions to have it broken up into a number of smaller checks." This process of division seems to have cost Mr. Schumaker a good deal of trouble. He could not conveniently get identified in Washington, and so he came on to Brooklyn, where the Trust Company was able to assist him in passing round what is vulgarly known as the "divvy." The Pacific Mail Company, or some of its irresponsible managers, relieved Mr. Schumaker of the custody of three checks for $50,000 each. The proceeds of one of these, or at least a check for that amount, was intrusted a few days later to Mr. Schumaker for payment, on the identification of a Mr. Elmore, to a still less definite entity known as Gen. Smith, conjectured to be Gen. Morgan L. Smith, now conveniently deceased. As the person who identified Gen. Smith still has doubts about what particular member of that great family it was who got the money, even this point must be kept open for further inquiry.

Mr. Charles Abert was also employed in the business of "breaking up" checks, or rather Mr. Irwin did most of the breaking up in his case, while he did the distribution And a very instructive kind of distribution it was, comprising a Postmaster General, two or three newspaper editors, a Washington correspondent or two, two doorkeepers of the House, and several professional lobbyists. The price of an assistant doorkeeper of the House of Representatives appears to be high—much higher than that of a Washington editor. John H. Hersey got $11,000, in consideration, he says, of his uniform courtesy, but really, we presume, for his free admission of Pacific Mail lobbyists to the floor and cloak-rooms of the House, while the services of a late attaché of the *Chronicle* were purchased for $1,500. It appears to have been reserved for Mr. John W. Forney, of the Philadelphia *Press*, to redeem the newspapers from the charge of being bought too cheaply. The Washington representative of that journal testified to having transferred $25,000 received by him to Col. Forney, but he was unable to say how it had been earned. Altogether, yesterday's evidence at Washington is of a very extraordinary kind, and shows that when the Pacific Mail subsidy was being lobbied through Congress, there was, as one of the witnesses yesterday put it, "money in the air."

A striking instance of the evils flowing from the habit which Congressmen have of interfering with executive business will be found recited from official documents in our Washington dispatches this morning. It is there related how Mr. Roderick R. Butler, a Representative from Tennessee, and, we regret to say, a Republican, succeeded in persuading the various officials of the Treasury to approve and finally to pay a claim of some twenty-three thousand dollars, which on investigation was discovered to be fraudulent. He appears to have brought the papers in person to the department, after the claim had been rejected by a committee of the House of which he is a member, and to have "pushed" them with great persistency until he got the warrant in his own hands and to his order and that of the claimant, and he then promptly cashed it. Such a statement by the Secretary of the Treasury ought not to go unnoticed, and Mr. Butler's conduct clearly requires an investigation with a view to expulsion, if he is found guilty of aiding a fraud knowing it to be such. Meanwhile, as Butler appeared at the department armed with an indorsement of the claim from the Commissary General, we should say that the Executive could not fairly content itself with suits for the recovery of the money, but should also proceed to ascertain the exact character of the part performed by the Commissary General in this scandalous transaction.

Another legal decision has been made in the famous Arkansas contest for the Governorship. If adverse decisions have any effect, Mr. Joseph Brooks ought to see by this time that his struggle with Elisha Baxter is unavailing. Brooks' petition to oust Baxter was originally presented to the Legislature, and was rejected by a decided vote of the lower branch of that body. Next he appeared before the State Supreme Court with an application for a *quo warranto* to try the validity of Baxter's title to his office, alleging that he was a usurper, &c. The court denied this application on the ground that it had no jurisdiction, the question being wholly in the hands of the Legislature, where it was placed by the Constitution and laws of Arkansas. Brooks then brought suit in the Pulaski Circuit Court under a State statute relating to usurpation of office. The court decided in his favor, and upon this he seized upon the gubernatorial office at Little Rock. The Attorney General of the United States being appealed to by both parties, decided in favor of Baxter, May 15, 1874. Meantime an appeal had been taken to the State Supreme Court from the Pulaski Circuit Court, and this highest tribunal, as might be expected, has reaffirmed its opinion in the *quo warranto* case of 1873, declaring that it has no jurisdiction. This ought to end the controversy, if anything can.

THE MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Notwithstanding the presence in Cooper Institute last night of two respected Republicans, it is impossible to regard the meeting itself as otherwise than a Democratic assemblage—entitled to the weight which may properly belong to such an assemblage, but not to be regarded as an expression of the Republican sentiment of the country. We are informed that on Saturday John Kelly made arrangements for at least 250 men from each Assembly District to be sent to Cooper Institute, and from first to last the meeting has been "engineered" by the very Democrats who often figured in an unfavorable light before the public during the war. The Democrats have as much right as any other class of citizens to discuss the Louisiana question; only let it be understood that they are speaking as Democrats, and not as Republicans.

It is much to be regretted that party spirit should be imported into this unhappy question, already sufficiently grave and complicated. We have done our best to secure a patient hearing for the grievances of the Southern people; we have not concealed the mistakes of our own party, and we have condemned in the strongest terms Sheridan's dispatches. Indeed, the public sentiment concerning those dispatches has been most emphatic and unmistakable. There is but one journal in this City which has defended them, and that is an obscure and disgraceful sheet published by a notorious lobbyist, whose "patriotism" is reached through his pocket. With that disgusting exception, Gen. Sheridan's intemperate language has been universally condemned. And the course which was taken by the Federal troops yesterday week is a subject which urgently requires, and must receive, the attention of Congress. With the information at present before us, we are not prepared to defend it. The entire position of affairs in Louisiana is a scandal to the country, and menaces us with great dangers. It must be put an end to; just grievances on both sides must be redressed. But the Democratic Party can only interfere in the difficulty to make it ten times worse. That interference will inevitably inflame old animosities, will excite both North and South, and will make it more difficult than ever to obtain justice and fair play. The Democrats cannot be permitted again to use the South as an implement for their party purposes. The Republican sentiment of the country in reference to the events of last week was sound and fair. The Democrats, if they wanted merely to assist the South, had better have left it to take its course. As it is, they have simply enkindled party feeling.

Mr. Evarts and Mr. Bryant both insisted that the President approves of all that has been done in New-Orleans during the past week. Gen. Belknap's dispatch is, of course, their only foundation for that view; but we think it no more than fair, before pronouncing a final judgment on the President's course, to wait and hear what he has to say in his forthcoming Message. If he indorses Gen. Sheridan's language, we can only say that we do not believe the Republican Party will support him in so doing. But let us hear first and strike, if need be, afterward. No man, not even the President, should be condemned unheard. So far we see before us two indiscreet persons—one a member of the Government, the other a Federal officer. The latter sends a foolish dispatch, and the former replies to it with another equally foolish. If, then, Mr. Evarts had confined himself to censuring Gens. Belknap and Sheridan, we should have had nothing to say. But the Administration, as a whole, cannot be included in this censure until we see what it is going to do and hear what it has to say.

While thus expressing candidly our opinions in reference to this meeting, we think it right once more to warn our own party that it cannot and must not leave Louisiana in its present condition much longer. It is not for us to say what ought to be done; that is a duty which devolves upon Congress. But what every man can see is that a serious and constant source of trouble exists in several of the Southern States, especially in Louisiana. It breaks out in one form to-day; it may break out in another form to-morrow. Some dangerous disturbances we shall always have until the immediate cause of all the difficulty is removed. The people do not believe that at present they are being ruled by the Governor whom they elected. Even the Republicans are dissatisfied with him. Mr. Kellogg recently declared that he would retire if it "would do any good." It would do a great deal of good. It would relieve Congress from a most embarrassing question, enable the people to hold another election, and remove the necessity for the propping up of the State Governor by Federal troops. For, whether a Democrat or a Republican should be elected, the people would at least have a Governor of their own choosing, and we cannot but believe that they would feel it to be to their interests to preserve order and endeavor to regain their prosperity. While Kellogg remains in office, with that wretched creature Packard at his back, we can see no way out of the difficulty. The State will be kept in turmoil and disorder; Kellogg—who is a thoroughly weak and pusillanimous man—will always be crying out for troops; rash officers will make blunders, and there may burst out any day a storm which will shake the country from one end to the other. Kellogg's withdrawal and a new election is the solution to the problem; and if Kellogg could only realize how much mischief he has done, even he would have the sense to "step down and out." But it will not do to keep a file of soldiers in the State Legislature to settle local differences or decide on the qualifications of members. There must be an end put to all that, and at once.

AN UNLUCKY COMPANY.

We should think that the shareholders in the Pacific Mail Company will be considerably taken aback upon learning that Messrs. Alexandre, Guion, and Talcott have retired from the Directorship, and that Mr. Rufus Hatch and Mr. Sage have shaken hands and are now once more to give the company the benefit of their united services. These things may be intelligible enough, for aught we know, to persons behind the scenes, but so far as outside observers are concerned they defy explanation.

When, a few weeks ago, the frauds and jobbery which have been going on inside this company were brought to light, certain changes took place in the Board of Directors, and much stress was laid upon the fact that unquestionably honest men had been placed at the head of affairs. Mr. Alexandre, as President, undoubtedly afforded a guarantee that the frauds which had taken place under Stockwell would not be repeated. It was impossible that he could undo the work of the past, but it was some comfort to the shareholders to know that no more checks for $750,000 were likely to be paid out without any proper entries of the transaction on the books. Now, within a week, Mr. Alexandre, Mr. Fogg, Mr. Guion, and Mr. Talcott have all retired. Why?

Our readers who have followed the exposures which have been made can easily imagine the reason. But what can explain the return of Mr. Sage to the board? On Dec. 3 he resigned, and on the same day he authorized one of our reporters to state that he had done so because he had discovered that the financial affairs of the company "were not only as bad as represented, but much worse." Rufus Hatch, the Managing Director, had been to him the previous Sunday and "made a clean breast of it." "The assets of the company"—we again quote from Mr. Sage's statement—"had been grossly overestimated, and the liabilities correspondingly depreciated." The company was "being badly managed, and was losing money." It still was "in his debt to the amount of $125,000." On the 4th of December, another of our reporters had an interview with Mr. Hatch, and on that occasion Mr. Hatch said: "Mr. Sage is a thief and a liar, and if he is not in the State Prison before long, he will be a lucky man. Yes, sir, we understand exactly where we stand in this matter." On Dec. 8, Mr. Sage addressed a long letter to the stockholders, in which he denounced Mr. Hatch as "a man of unbusiness-like habits, violent and vindictive temper, coarse language, and ill-balanced mind. His recent conduct I impute, upon satisfactory grounds, to motives the opposite of candor and disinterestedness." And now these two men have "made it up with each other," and may be said to have the company under their absolute control. The honest Directors have retired, and Hatch and Sage can do what they like. What can be thought about such an arrangement as this?

There are some things which we hope Mr. Alexandre, for the protection of his own reputation, will explain. It has been stated to us that the report of the financial affairs of the company, so repeatedly promised, was actually drawn up, and was ready for delivery toward the latter end of December. This account showed that down to the 9th of December, the floating debt of the company amounted to $1,700,000. And this information comes to us from one who was actually shown the statement referred to.

Another informant has stated to us that Rufus Hatch asked him to undertake the stevedoring contract of the company, and that he handed in an estimate. He afterward saw Hatch, who showed him a higher estimate from another competitor. "Now," said Hatch, "you can have the contract at these higher figures, if you will give me half the proceeds." The contractor objected. "But," said Hatch, "we can each make $50,000 a year out of it." The contractor said that was not his way of doing business. "Well," said Hatch, "I would kick you off of this dock like a yaller dog if I could not make something out of the contract, so get out." This story we should not publish unless we were prepared to give up the name of our informant, who is the contractor himself. And now Mr. Hatch seems to be in absolute control of the Pacific Mail Company, with Mr. Sage as his fellow Director. Did ever so gross a scandal occur before in a commercial community? We should think it was about time the stockholders stepped in to defend what remains of their property.

THE CASE AGAINST MR. BEECHER.

In a speech of great length and diffuseness, Mr. Morris, of counsel for Mr. Tilton, yesterday opened the case against Mr. Beecher. Mr. Morris says that the most conclusive part of the evidence on his side will be reviewed to-day. Yesterday he confined himself to a commentary upon letters and statements with which the public are already familiar. The plaintiff's case will, we are informed, relate to two closely-affiliated subjects—the acts of the accused and the confessions of the accused. In regard to the first, we gather from Mr. Morris' introductory remarks, that he has merely circumstantial evidence to offer, and from the tenor of his address yesterday it would appear that the most important element in that evidence is supplied by Mr. Beecher's own letters. In fact, so far as it is now possible to judge, the case is to be tried in the courts on precisely the same evidence as that on which it has already been tried in the newspapers.

Mr. Morris began his analysis of the defendant's letters with a long commentary on the celebrated letter of contrition of Jan. 1, 1871. In regard to the phraseology of that extraordinary production, he put a number of questions which have been asked before, and which it will be one of the most essential parts of the duty of the defense to answer to the satisfaction of the average juror. The only thing that strikes us as being new in the references of Mr. Morris to this stage of the case is the statement that Mr. Beecher's expressions of deep and passionate contrition could not have been due to the advice he gave Mrs. Tilton to separate from her husband, because the letter was written nearly a month before the date when the advice was given. The disputed question about who paid Bessie Turner's school bills is assumed by Mr. Morris to have been answered to the detriment of the defendant, and we are assured that it was Mr. Beecher, and not Mr. Tilton, who was anxious to get that remarkable young person out of the way.

It may be assumed that the opening for the plaintiff will conclude to-day. It is quite possible that very shortly thereafter the defense may raise some of those preliminary motions which they are believed to have still in reserve. The legal status of Mr. Tilton may be questioned, because of his having "condoned" his wife's alleged offense, because of his being open to the charge of having used it for the purpose of extracting money, or because of his own teaching and example being of a character sufficient to raise the plea that, even if guilty, his wife was acting, in the eye of the law, under his influence. As the establishing of the guilt or innocence of Mr. Beecher is the main object of the trial, it may be supposed, however, that the defense will now rely rather on the strength of their own case than on the technical weakness of that of their adversaries. In any event, some evidence will be needed on which to ground such points as those referred to. The public are thus not likely to be disappointed of a rehash of the familiar literature of the scandal by any premature motion to dismiss the complaint.

VALMESADA.

If Count Valmesada once more assumes the Captain Generalship of Cuba, he will go to that unfortunate island with a determination to literally "crush out" the rebellion. Indeed, he makes his acceptance of the post that has been tendered him conditional on his having 20,000 more troops. It was in 1868, while Valmesada was in command of the Spanish forces in Cuba, that the insurrection began. Although the rising was somewhat premature, Valmesada found it difficult to manage. His first vain-glorious expeditions were comparatively unsuccessful; and before the year had closed he was obliged to demand reinforcement, which gave him an army of 32,000, in addition to the 20,000 with which he began the campaign, and the 40,000 Volunteers, who, from then until now, have done the swaggering for the entire army. The military history of those opening years of the rebellion has since been practically repeated. With varying fortunes, the cause of the insurgents has contrived to exist. It may never triumph, but it has never yet been utterly suppressed. It is possible that Valmesada may accomplish in 1875 what he failed to do so long ago.

But the appointment of such a brutal soldier and imperious official as Valmesada has approved himself, means terror to Cuba. It was under his orders, while still General in Chief, that every male citizen over fifteen years of age, found in the country and away from home, was shot unless he could satisfactorily account for his movements. It was he who ordered that every house which did not display a white flag should be burned, and that all women and children found living alone on their farms should be forcibly removed to the nearest cities in possession of the Spaniards. It was Valmesada who made war upon women, branding them as felons or slaves. When Gen. De Rodas succeeded Dulce, he brought an additional force of 30,000 with him. And when the Volunteers, then actually ruling the island, drove Gen. De Rodas from his office in 1870, it was the ferocious Valmesada who was demanded as his successor. Valmesada, as Captain General, fulfilled the expectations of his most sanguinary admirers. One of his first acts was to issue a series of terrible orders directed against the insurgents. The amnesty which he deceitfully offered was more dreaded than his vengeance, and this was bloody indeed. It was ordered that no quarter should be shown to prisoners captured from the rebel force; they were to be shot forthwith; and even those who surrendered voluntarily were to be sentenced to perpetual imprisonment. It was during his term of office that eight school-boys were barbarously shot in Havana for an alleged desecration of the grave of Castanon; and it was during the same terrible period that the civilized world was horrified by the excesses of the soldiers and the Volunteers, who really dictated Valmesada's appointment and compelled his resignation. When he was finally succeeded by Ceballos, in June, 1872, Cuba had been desolated not only by war, but by a relentless and needless butchery. The finances were deranged; commerce was made a means of extortion, and foreigners were universally regarded as enemies and spies. Up to August of that year, nearly 14,000 Cubans had been killed in battle, and the Spanish authorities admitted that 43,500 prisoners had been put to death. The drain on Spanish resources, both in men and money, had been tremendous, over seventy millions having been spent during the first three years of the war. More than 80,000 men had meanwhile been sent from Spain to quell the rebellion. This is Valmesada's record in Cuba.

No man can tell what will be the ultimate fate of the unhappy island. At present, the rebels are not in a condition to cause much apprehension of their exploits. They are scattered in the mountains and forests; they keep up a distressing and annoying guerrilla warfare. The Captain General declares that their extermination is difficult, if not impossible. But though the rebels are not formidably aggressive, they exist as a permanent source of disturbance. They have neither seaport nor seat of Government; but they maintain an organization, and when things are at their quietest, they break out in a way which tells the world that they still live and fight. It is a question how long such a wasteful and cruel warfare shall be permitted in the interest of civilization and humanity. It is not a question, however, as to the effect that Valmesada's appointment will have upon the Cubans. It is possible that his administration will be made easier than it was in 1871, when the Volunteers ruled in Havana. But his stupid brutality will exasperate the people whom he ought to pacify and win back to their allegiance. The very name of this headstrong tyrant will kindle a new fire in the smoldering embers of the Cuban revolution. As Captain General, he will not so much represent the Bourbon monarchy and the period of political reaction, as brute force and unreasoning will.

OUR FORCING-HOUSE.

When a gardener desires to produce tulips in December, or asparagus in March, he has to resort only to his forcing-house. By this simple means he plays havoc with the almanac and brings confusion upon the season. The skillful operator will give you pears in the late Winter and strawberries at Christmas. We all know that "Boston buds" are thereby perennial and lettuce expands its succulent leaves—under glass—all the year round. Nay, more, we recollect having read an account of an experiment with blue glass, by which curious means one philosopher was able to develop a yearling heifer in a few months from a calf which, without the influence of actinic rays, might have grown from vealhood into bovine maturity by the slow process of conservative nature. Money nowadays will buy almost anything that in older times would be considered "out of season." The truth is that artificial and expensive processes have so well supplemented and improved on Nature that the old-fashioned rotation of the seasons is well-nigh forgotten, except by those whose daily duties call them into the streets to face the storms of Winter or the blasts of Summer, and to take up the daily burden of life without regard to the discoveries which science and wealth have applied. It is, perhaps, a question whether the material man is any happier for this inversion of the year—this abolition of the seasons. It is even a question if we shall stop with what we have done. One ingenious writer has gravely discussed a project which involves the construction of an entire city under glass, giving to a large population the tropic fruits and sweets in the lap of a New-England Winter. We may not immediately see such an anticipation of Summer, but it is possible that in mental development we may be living in a forcing-house.

The education and development of the mind is more forced than any other growth known to the modern observer. The men of to-day, those who occupy places of honor, trust, and emolument, were educated in a way so different from that provided for this generation they almost blush to recall it. In the public or private schools, where they laid the foundation of their education, they usually spent about six hours of each day studying and preparing their lessons, which were recited before they left the building. If they were deficient they were punished by some means, the most frequent of which was being kept in until they had committed and recited their exercise. Whether it was *Virgil* or *Lindley Murray*, the lesson was conned and disposed of in the school-room. That over, the scholar was released to round-ball or skating, to which he rushed with the appetite and wild whoop of a young Comanche. The youths of this generation are not so trained. The young scholar of 1875, in city or country, is a pale lad who goes to school only to recite the lessons laboriously learned at home. He has no hours of leisure; he has small space for play. Cooped up a few hours in the school-room, he is let loose only to study at home. If he goes to the opera or circus with his fond parents, he studies his Greek roots between the acts or snatches an anxious look at his algebra while the supernumeraries are raking over the sawdust. To older people, who have a vivid remembrance of the wild rush of their own boyhood, all this seems very sad as well as mistaken. Perhaps it is all right. Some of us recollect what sad dogs our wild freedom made of us; but the best of us will wonder what sort of men are to be made of the solemn little prigs of to-day.

Our social and educational forcing-house seems especially to develop what is known as "the gift of gab." If there is any vice of public life which, more than downright dishonesty, deserves the reprobation of all thoughtful men, it is our tendency to overmuch gab. Too much talk ruined Greece and Rome. If Catiline had been tongue-tied he might have lived a prosperous gentleman for many happy years. To be sure, we do not know much about this grac less demagogue except what Cicero has told us, and Cicero was prouder of his having outtalked Catiline than of all the rest of his somewhat wordy achievements. But the collegian or school-boy of the present is forced into an orator before he is in his teens. Boys and young men, (we had almost said old men,) need to be rigorously sat upon rather than anything else. They bud into orators, essayists, and writers of statements with wonderful facility. With such rapid and premature development there must be some waste. Your December strawberry, after all, is not the honest and fragrant fruit that has slowly ripened beneath the ardent influences of Summer suns. Perhaps we have no right to find fault. We who criticise will not have the bother of living in the world which is to be governed by the young brood now growing up in our educational hot-houses. But it is barely possible that in the future, when the flabby sinews shall relax and the spongy brains grow dull, the generation whose light tread is behind us shall complain that it has been hardly used. After all, the homes and schools of to-day, though tenanted by the future voters, Governors, and legislators of our country, are made by the men of to-day. It is not altogether certain that they are wisely made.

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM IN FRANCE.

It was happily reserved for M. Edouard Laboulaye, one of the most eloquent and concise speakers in the French National Assembly, to give to the world a definite idea of the condition of sentiment in that body with regard to the liberty of the higher education. In the stirring debates elicited by the "project of law" against which the clerical party massed all its formidable strength, but which received the hearty support of all sincere friends of republicanism, the voice of M. Laboulaye was heard often and to good advantage. He has, in the highest sense, what Frenchmen call the "courage of his opinions;" he always gives things their right names, and he never shrinks from a hard fight because of fears that he may excite new hostilities against himself. In his recent speech he frankly avowed himself a member of that party which dates from the days of the *Constituante;* which was formed under the influence of American ideas; which edited the famous principles of 1789; which, "proscribed by the Convention, reappeared in France under the Restoration, and found its most eloquent interpreter in Benjamin Constant." Thus placing himself on the platform whence the elder partisans of absolute liberty of thought, speech, conscience, and instruction have long since disappeared, he declared war against the two other parties in the Assembly—that of absolute despotism, which proposes to rigidly restrict educational privileges, and that which clings to the monarchical tradition of an education limited and hampered in a thousand ways by the State.

The project of law relative to public instruction presented to the Assembly by the Commission of which M. Laboulaye was one of the most prominent and active members, was fortunate only so far as its first article was concerned. This article was simply "Higher instruction is free." This was a bold and successful step, and the friends of freedom took courage. But not even the ingenuity and eloquent speech of Laboulaye, nor the disgust with which the pitiful special pleading of M. De Cumont, the Minister of Public Instruction and the creature of the clericals, seems to have inspired every one who heard him, could save the bill from changes which absolutely nullified the results of the passage of the first article. The amendment, artfully introduced and fought through with consummate skill by the Right, was like a bombshell in the camp of the Commission. The second article of the project of law provided that every Frenchman of full age, and in possession of his civil rights, should have "the right to open courses and to give conferences;" in other words, made teaching absolutely free for any religious denomination. But in this unfortunate article Dupanloup and his clerical allies contrived to insert an amendment condemning all individual initiative in matters of education, and according the much desired liberty only to "associations." The article or section so amended was accepted, and the bill thus mutilated was sent back to the Commission. The amendment also provides that the "association" specified shall be composed of at least three persons, and that each of these persons "must have the grade of doctor." This of course at once nullifies the desired action of the law, and relegates individual liberty to the obscurity where it has so long languished in France. It is not singular that the Commission which had nourished sanguine hopes of a triumph for freedom, was a little depressed after its defeat, and that it was half inclined to withdraw altogether its educational "project of law."

The temporary defeat of the bill as originally conceived is thought to have been of much benefit, as clearly defining the real positions of all parties in the Assembly in regard to the question. The Liberals outside of the Assembly do not feel quite as sore over the defeat as do those within it; and the *Siècle*, of Paris, whose columns have been open to vigorous support of the bill from the moment it was drafted, finds heart to say: "Although the balloting gave a majority—one of a few votes only—to our adversaries, we will not, on the whole, complain of the result of the *séance;*" and adds, "Frank situations are very much to our taste;" by which it means that the fight can be made all the fiercer, now that the enemy has come out of its various ambuscades and ranged itself in order of battle.

One of the specially noticeable features of this important debate was the earnestness of the clericals in opposing a liberty which is as sure to come, under a republican government, as daylight in the morning. Every advocate of the repressive régime appeared really to believe, with M. De Cumont, that the educational project of law reported by the Commission, if adopted, would surely "engender chaos and anarchy." Each one scoffed at "individual liberty," and at all appeals for it; and there were many even who seemed absolutely to sustain Church tyranny for no other reason than that they feared the liberty sought might, if given, "like a river in inundation"—to quote the words of one of the Catholic advocates—"overflow its banks, and upset everything in its passage."

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

George H. Boker, of Pennsylvania, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Russia; Theodore Corriaino, of Illinois, Consul at Bristol; George Manley, of Tennessee, Minister Resident to Ecuador; Edgar Stanton, of Illinois, Consul at Barmen; William Youngblood, of New-York, Consul at Zacatecas.

Postmasters.—Nelson B. Sherwin, Cleveland, Ohio; Porter K. Holden, Belmont, N. Y.; J. B. Marshall, Gold Hill, Nev.; Fayette W. Crane, Maquoketa, Iowa.

Navy.—Charles Thomas Hibbett, to be Assistant Surgeon: Master William W. Kimball, to be Lieutenant, and Ensigns Willie Killenon M. C. Dimock, and H. C. Nye, to be Masters.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations:

John M. Thacher, of Virginia, Commissioner of Patents; Marcus S. Hopkins, of Virginia, Examiner in Chief of the Patent Office; Albert G. Edwards, Assistant United States Treasurer at St. Louis; John G. Kegley, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth District of Virginia; S. S. Farwell, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second Iowa District; C. E. Lines, Receiver of Public Moneys at Topeka, Kan.; E. J. Jenkins, Receiver of Public Moneys for the Republican Land District, Kan.

Postmasters.—Nelson B. Sherwin at Cleveland, Ohio; Edward Sullivan, Harrisburg, Va.; S. A. Epperson, Bushnell, Ill.; John Berger, Santa Cruz, Cal.; Thomas Yost, Hollister, Cal.; John F. Greeley, Truckee, Nev.; Samuel E. Bates, Merced, Cal.; Temple Dodge Malden, Mass.; John S. Fay, Marlborough, Mass.; A. B. Galucia, Dedham, Mass.; J. G. Pool, Randolf, Mass.; Nathan Galpin, Boonesborough, Iowa; P. R. Goold, Littleton, N. H.; S. B. Webster, Monticello, Ill.; John M. Turnbull, Monmouth, Ill.; John Bale, Stapleton, N. Y.; E. A. Mead, Moravia, N. Y.; E. H. Davis, Avon, N. Y.; John G. Bibb, University of Virginia; Hall Anderson, Lancaster, N. H.; W. P. Allan, Winchester, Ky.; Rowan White, Oakland, Md.; H. A. Moore, Bryan, Texas; R. C. Rainey, Georgetown, S. C.; L. G. Johns, Seward, Neb.; M. A. Frank, Falls City, Neb.; W. R. McAllister, Grand Island, Neb.; J. P. Alexander, Fort Worth, Texas; O. C. Morehead, Bremond, Texas; J. P. Bayly, Warrenton, Va.

AN ORDER FROM THE JUSTICES OF THE GENERAL TERM.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The Justices of the General Term to-day issued an order directing the County Treasurers of Columbia, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, Schenectady, Saratoga, Washington, Essex, Fulton, Warren, Montgomery, Franklin, Clinton, St. Lawrence, Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties to file their reports with the General Term on or before the 16th inst., they having failed to do so up to this time, or proceedings will be commenced against them.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' ASSOCIATION.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The Commercial Travelers' Association, of the State of New-York, met in convention at the Empire House to-day. James H. Eaton, of Syracuse, was elected President. The constitution of the association was so amended as to admit members up to forty-five years of age. A resolution was adopted remitting the annual membership fee of this year. This evening the association had a banquet and ball at the Empire House. The next annual meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in January, 1876.

THE DIRECT CABLE—NOTHING HEARD OF THE FARADAY.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 11.—Nothing has been heard of the Direct Cable Company's steamer Faraday since she put to sea twenty-four days ago to try to pick up her cable and finish laying it to the shore. It is supposed that she has gone home.

Steamers arriving here from Europe report having experienced very stormy weather.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, Ontario, Jan. 11.—The nomination of candidates for the Ontario Legislature took place throughout Ontario to-day. An act passed at the late session increased the number of members from eighty-two to eighty-eight, and created eight new constituencies, the towns of Niagara and Bothwell having been removed from the list and merged in adjoining constituencies. The elections take place Monday next.

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 11.—The dead-lock in the Senate still continues. No organization was effected to-day. Adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock M. Mr. Purman, member of Congress, arrived here yesterday. In the House to-day he presented a certificate of re-election as Representative from Jackson County. Motion was made to swear in Mr. Purman. Mr. Hicks, (Independent,) offered a resolution to refer the case to a committee to inquire if Mr. Purman has resigned as Congressman. A motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost. The House adjourned without action till to-morrow.

ALBANY.

REASSEMBLING OF THE POLITICIANS AT THE CAPITAL.

THE CHAIRMANSHIPS ON THE IMPORTANT COMMITTEES—HOW THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AFFECT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS—THE SECTARIAN PHASE OF THE SENATORSHIP QUESTION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1875.

The capital has begun to wear again a busy political aspect, and members of the Legislature, lobbyists, politicians and local officials of all grades of position and influence arrive by every train from East, West, North, and South. While there are comparatively few of the leaders of either party here at present, there will, within the next six hours, be the greatest and most important gathering of the session here, as by that time the last trains of the day will be in, and all who wish to witness the opening of the Senatorial canvass must be here to-night, as the work is to begin to-morrow. There is no question of any magnitude to be disposed of before the Senatorship is taken up, excepting the announcement by Speaker Maguire of the committees of the Assembly, and in most instances these are provided for. As regards the chairmanships, there is every reason to believe that the appointments will be as follows:

Ways and Means—Mr. Hammond, of Ontario.
Canals—Mr. Page, of Oswego.
Judiciary—Mr. Washburn, of New-York.
Railroads—Mr. Macklin, of Dutchess.
Cities—Mr. Sherman, of Oneida.
Commerce and Navigation—Mr. Oakley, of Queens.
Insurance—Mr. Faulkner, of Livingston.
Privileges and Elections—Mr. Davis, of Washington, to whom also will be accorded the second place on Ways and Means, and the second place on Canals.
Banks—Mr. Schuyler, of Tompkins.
National Affairs—Mr. Johnson, of Oswego.
Grievances—Mr. Kraack, of Ulster.
Subcommittee of the Whole—(the "Grinding Committee")—Mr. McGroarty, of Kings.

At this hour this is as nearly the true position of affairs as is known by any man at present in Albany, so far as these important Chairmanships are concerned. There will doubtless be a comparatively new committee created in a few days to meet the requirements of the legislation demanded under the amendments to the Constitution, though this committee will be virtually constructed on an old one. I mean the Committee on General, Local, and Special Laws. This committee was created mainly through the efforts of Gen. Husted in 1872, and in that year did some important work, but in 1873 and 1874 its labors were of comparatively slight importance. It consisted at that time of five members. Now it is proposed to make it a committee of nine, and to be composed of the strongest and best men at the command of the Speaker. Its labors will chiefly comprise the framing and revision of new and the amendment of old general laws, and it will in effect largely supersede the Judiciary Committee. For this proposed new committee Mr. Kennedy, of Kings County, will almost certainly receive the appointment as Chairman, and he will also be second on the Judiciary. Mr. Shell, of Westchester, is also to be put on this latter committee. As at present named in the Blue Book there are thirty-two Assembly committees, but quite a number of these will cease to exist, as, under the amended Constitution their former functions have ceased to exist. Among them may be named the Committees on Claims, Roads and Bridges, Charitable and Religious Societies, Agriculture, Petitions of Aliens, Civil Divisions, Two-thirds and Three-fifths bills, and the Affairs of Villages. The Committees on Public Lands, Indian Affairs, the Manufacture of Salt, and others of like broad character, the subject matter of whose consideration is an affair of State control and administration, will, of course, be continued. Outside of the committees above designated as important, the business heretofore done by the committees not so designated, will be supervised by the Committee on the Judiciary, or the new Committee on General Local and Special Laws, the title of which will probably be altered to Committee on Legislation.

THE SENATORSHIP.

The real struggle on the United States Senatorship will begin to-morrow, or as soon as the committeeships have been finally determined by announcement. There is little real news on the Senatorial canvass, the most important item, perhaps, being that relating to the sectarian feeling which some parties have endeavored to awaken. This phase of the discussion was started in a local paper published here, called the *Sunday Press*, which is quite earnest in Mr. Kernan's support, and it is generally regarded as a development of mistaken and misdirected zeal. No class of partisans of the candidates already in the field deprecate it more thoroughly than do the supporters and friends of Mr. Murphy, who say that they could not as Democrats raise such a question as that of a man's religious belief or creed, the broadest range of liberty in which is one of the oldest planks in the Constitution as well as the soundest and most cherished of Democratic platforms. They urge that while the fact that Mr. Kernan is a Roman Catholic should be no bar or impediment to his canvass or election, it is at the same time no reason or argument to be used in his favor, and the best way to deal with it will be for Mr. Kernan's friends to leave it untouched, as Mr. Murphy's supporters state they mean to do, collectively and as individuals. Messrs. Scott Lord and T. D. Sprigg, two of Gov. Seymour's friends and political supporters are here, quartered at the Delavan, and it was reported that Gov. Seymour himself was to be in the city to-day, but he has thus far failed to appear. It is now said he will not be present until to-morrow. On the other hand, there are reports prevalent that he has concluded not to come at all, and that his health has within the past two days been somewhat impaired. No canvass has yet been made of Kernan's actual strength, and it is undoubted that there are many men who are expected to vote for him who have not yet announced their fealty to his cause, and cannot be reckoned on as sure in his behalf. This I learn from a member who is himself a most uncompromising Kernan man. These gentlemen are not yet ready to speak, and dislike to commit themselves too early in the game. The managers and supporters of Mr. Murphy's interests, on the other hand, are known to be tireless in their vigilance and industry, and have got every man whom they esteem as their friend counted and placed under their direct control, through a scrutinous and exacting canvass of their present strength and a careful estimate of the number of those who, they believe, can yet be brought to the support of their candidate.

ELECTION OF A COLONEL IN THE NINTH REGIMENT.

At a meeting of the officers of the Ninth Infantry, Lieut. Col. James R. Hitchcock commanding, last evening, Col. H. A. Gildersleeve, of Major Gen. Shaler's staff, was unanimously elected Colonel. A deputation of officers waited on Col. Gildersleeve and informed him of their choice. Col. Gildersleeve expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and promised to give the matter his consideration. As the acceptance of the office would be no promotion, it is probable the Colonel will decline to accept it, as had he desired a field officer's position, he would have retained his position as Lieutenant Colonel of the Twelfth Infantry.

AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA BOUFFE AT THE PARK THEATRE.

A season of opera bouffe was entered upon at the Park Theatre last evening, with the agreeable accompaniment of a numerous and fashionable audience. A new work was performed to give particular *éclat* to the occasion. The novelty was a three-act opera-comique called "Le Voyage en Chine," and it was made known by a company of artists, including principally familiar faces. If the first and second acts of "Le Voyage en Chine" were equal to the third, M. Bazin's achievement would have wrought an excellent impression. As it is, the first two acts of his opera are much too rich in dialogue for an English-speaking audience, while the music is not original or fluent enough to compensate for the prodigious quantity of talk. We can readily understand the causes of the success of "Le Voyage en Chine" in Paris. Its libretto is of the most neatly constructed kind; its language is unexceptionably good, and the music to which M. Bazin has wedded the text is graceful in form, piquant in motives and treatment, and full of opportunities for the clever singers the Opera Comique Theatre possesses. American audiences, however, are not yet ripe for opera comique, and an opera bouffe public must have more action, more tunes, and more downright fun than are to be found in the production under notice. Hence we apprehend that "Le Voyage en Chine" will not have a protracted run. The story it unfolds is very simple. *Henri De Kernoisan*, an officer in the French Navy, has become in secret the husband of *Marie*, daughter of an obstinate old *bourgeois*. By a strange mishap, *Henri*, just before coming to ask *Marie's* father for the hand of the maiden he has already made his own, wins the ill-will of the parent. *Pompéry* does his best to compel *Marie* to wed a young dandy, *Alidor De Rosenville* by name, but in vain. At length *Henri* lights upon a plan by which to force *Pompéry* to consent to his marriage. The *Pompéry* family are to visit a man-of-war, and *Henri* manages to get them aboard his own ship. Then he declares he is on his way to China, and that the only condition on which he will put them ashore is that *Marie* and he are united in matrimony at once. *Pompéry* refuses, but, in an evil hour, tries his hand at inciting a mutiny among the crew. At *Henri's* suggestion, the sailors feel *Pompéry* to the top of his bent, and, of course, they finally denounce him. A mock drum-head trial; a threat to instantly execute the ringleaders, and the decision of *Pompéry* to accept *Henri* as a son-in-law instead of an executioner, preface the finale. As we have already implied, the music in the third act is by far the best. A well-written sailors' chorus, with which the act opens, and a prettily-harmonized prayer, are noticeable among the numbers of this part of "Le Voyage en Chine," though as a lyric work it really contains nothing remarkable. The new opera was nicely sung and acted at the Park. M. De Quercy, an artist who had not previously been heard in this City, appeared as *Henri*, and although a little mature in point of voice and physique for the part intrusted to him, approved himself a tenor of culture and an animated and experienced comedian. Mlle. Minelly, whose skill as a songstress has often had mention in these columns, was quite equal to the character of *Marie*. M. Duplon, one of the best *comiques* we have ever had in opera bouffe, pictured *Pompéry* with unflagging humor, and M. Valaire, stage manager of the company, contributed to the entertainment a capital sketch of *Bonneteau*, an old provincial notary. But the hit of the evening was made by M. De Beer, who personated *Anatole*. M. De Beer has a very comical and mobile face, and a great deal of natural eccentricity, and, moreover, he takes the trouble to elaborate his least important characterizations. To the latter fact, in this case, is to be mainly ascribed his success in the third act of "Le Voyage en Chine." He has undoubtedly made a very careful study of sea-sickness, and his imitation of that droll, but, in truth painful malady—an imitation free from coarse action of any kind—kept the audience laughing throughout the whole third act. M. Bazin's opera, it is only necessary to add, has been appropriately set at the Park, and its recital is as good, in the matter of ensemble, as nine French representations of every ten are sure to be. There will be no change of programme this week.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.

A gentleman whose name is given in the bills as Ciprico appeared at this theatre last evening in the rôle of *Edmund Kean*, in a drama of that name, and produced a tolerably favorable impression. The honors of the evening were, however, bestowed, and deservedly so, on Mr Sheldon, who played the part of *Calcium*, Manager of a band of strolling players, with a real appreciation of the requirements of the character, the delivery of the mock heroics in which he occasionally indulged not being at all overdone. The play, which is, we believe, from the French, is full of incidents and lively dialogue; it has been unusually well set at Wood's. "Kean" will be repeated every evening during the week, and, at the matinées, "The Workingmen of New-York" will be given, with Mr. Sheldon as *Dick Moran*.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Mrs. Wardell, an old resident and well-known boarding-house keeper of Long Branch, left her home on Friday morning, the 8th inst., for the purpose of doing some marketing, but has not returned since. A woman, thought to be Mrs. Wardell, with a dark blue veil covering her face, and wearing a water-proof cloak, got on the train that day at Branchport Station, and purchased a ticket of the conductor for Philadelphia, but upon reaching Whitung's Station, on the New-Jersey Southern Railroad, she left the train, and has not since been seen. She is supposed to be deranged, and to have wandered off into the woods in that vicinity. Search has been made, but thus far without result.

THE TAMMANY PRIMARIES.

The Tammany Committee on Organization met again yesterday to receive and consider testimony presented by rival candidates for seats in the new General Committee. The chief business of the day was the hearing of evidence of frauds practiced at the primary election in the Seventh Assembly District.

The contestants from this district say that 7,000 votes were polled in two hours at the election, and that many persons who voted were not entitled to vote. There were 4,100 ballots counted, the inspectors certifying that the ticket headed by Martin T. McMahon received 3,400, and the ticket headed by Algernon S. Sullivan, 700. It was the contestants claim, impossible that 4,100 legal votes could be cast, as the total Democratic vote of the district at the late election was only 2,979. The McMahon party contend that the election was fair, and that a number of those who voted for Sullivan were repeaters. The protests of the contestants for seats from the Eighth Assembly District were next received, and a paper signed by sitat of the supposed opponents to the "regular" ticket, stating that their names had been used without their consent, was also presented. The committee reserved its decision in both instances. It is probable that the "regular" delegation from the Eighth Assembly District will be admitted, and that a compromise will be made in the case of the Seventh. Contestants from the Seventeenth and Twenty-first Assembly Districts and Twenty-third Ward will be next heard.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Postmaster W. L. Burt, of Boston, is at the Astor House.

Col. W. B. Beck, United States Army, is at the Everett House.

Ex-Congressman Green B. Raum, of Illinois, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Rev. John F. W. Ware, of Boston, is at the St. Denis Hotel.

Congressman elect W. W. Warren, of Boston, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Hon. Henry P. Haven, of New-London, is at the Union Square Hotel.

DRAGON FLIES IN MARYLAND.

Prof. P. R. Uhler, in a lecture on "Dragon Flies," at the Academy of Sciences rooms, in Baltimore, said that there were over 100 species of dragon fly in Maryland, more than in all Europe. He exhibited diagrams and about thirty specimens of the dragon fly, showing their great variety of form and peculiarities of pattern of marking. They are hatched in ten days, and ten months is the longest period of their life. They possess no stings, and are harmless.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

SPAIN.

GERMAN WAR VESSELS ORDERED TO SAN-TANDER.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The German war vessels Albatross and Nautilus, which had arrived at Christiansand, Norway, from Santander, Spain, were ordered to return to the latter place. One of them has already arrived there.

A CARLIST DEFEAT IN VALENCIA—RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDERS OF MERIT.

MADRID, Jan. 11.—Official intelligence has been received at the Ministry of War of an engagement in the Province of Valencia, between the Carlists and national troops, in which the former were defeated, with a loss of forty killed and many wounded. Forty of the insurgents were taken prisoners.

The Spanish orders of Charles III., Isabella, the Catholic, and Marie Louise have been re-established.

THE KING TO ENTER MADRID ON THURSDAY—DON CARLOS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE WAR—ACTIVE OPERATIONS TO BE RESUMED AGAINST HIM.

MADRID, Jan. 11.—King Alfonso will enter the capital on Thursday next.

It is reported that Don Carlos is determined on a vigorous prosecution of the war notwithstanding the restoration ot the monarchy. The Government will accordingly direct the resumption of active operations against him a few days.

RECOGNITION BY GERMANY DEFERRED TILL THE ANTI-PROTESTANT DECREE AT CADIZ IS REPEALED.

LONDON, Jan. 12—6 A. M.—The *Times* this morning says it has reason to believe that Prince Bismarck has intimated to Spain that the German Government will defer recognition of King Alfonso until the decree suspending two Protestant newspapers and closing the Protestant Chapel in Cadiz is repealed.

GERMANY.

THE LANDSTURM BILL PASSED BY THE REICHSTAG TO ITS SECOND READING.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—In the Reichstag to-day the Landsturm bill passed to its second reading. The most important clause, which gives the Government power to supply the Landwehr from the Landsturm, was agreed to by a vote of 176 to 104.

The members of the *Fortschritt* voted with the minority.

THE SPANISH REPUBLICS.

NEWS FROM COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, AND PERU.

PANAMA, Jan. 2.—The general aspect of the Republic is so peaceful that there is no news of importance to communicate.

The arrival of the steam-ship City of Peking, with her large size and four masts, on the 21st ult., created quite a sensation. The ship was thrown open to the public for two days, a privilege of which a great many people availed themselves. She is expected to sail in a few days for San Francisco.

ECUADOR.

A new President has not yet been elected. The financial condition of the Republic is in a very irregular state from the Executive tampering too much with monetary matters. The Government has protested against the Peruvian Exploring Expedition having surveyed the Morona branch of the Amazon into the Ecudorian territory. The small-pox prevails at Guavaquil in an epidemic form.

quiet, but at Cajamarca the rebel party were still making hostile demonstrations. A party of the Montonera brigands stopped the train on the Oroya Railroad and took $1,000 from the Paymaster, on the plea that it was Government money and not private property.

PERU.

Affairs in Peru up to the 22d ult., with respect to the revolutionary movement headed by Pierola, were still in an uncertain state, notwithstanding the victories of President Prado and the Government forces operating under his direction. Pierola, though forced to leave his intrenched position at Tarata, had made a stand at another place called Tarata, with, the last report is, some 200 men, about twenty leagues to the interior of Tacua, where the President has his head-quarters. The battalion of Pichincha and the Lancers were in pursuit. Other forces had been directed to prevent any union between the bandits or *montoneros* of Albarracin and the retiring forces of the rebel party. The wounded and some prisoners were being forwarded to Moquegua.

The *La Sociedad* and *La Verdad*, the leading ultramontane papers in Lima, come out in favor of the revolution party. It was uncertain when President Prado and the Government forces would return to Lima.

THE VICKSBURG MASSACRE.

TESTIMONY TAKEN YESTERDAY BY THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AT VICKSBURG—SEARCHERS FOR ARMS STEALING MONEY—TESTIMONY OF SHERIFF CROSBY.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 11.—When the committee met this morning the Chairman, Mr. Conger, announced that the committee would close its sittings in Vicksburg on Wednesday at 1 o'clock.

George Walton, colored, testified that preceding the August election he was Register. That armed men patrolled the streets. Men came to the Third Ward registration place with arms. Some colored men told him they were afraid to register.

Catherine Wiggins testified her house in the city had been broken open by men searching for guns. They took $24 just received as pension money.

George Stith, colored, Justice of the Peace, testified that Cook, Toles, and Sheppard were taken out and killed near Haynes' Bluff. They were members of his club, and were not in the fight here. He had left there through fear.

Jane Shields swore her house was searched for arms, and a trunk robbed of $15, and her life threatened.

Stephen Cox, colored, testified that he was Judge of Election in the Second Ward; that the ballot-box was destroyed as heretofore reported, and that original tally sheets were also destroyed, and returns made from tally kept by a spectator.

Oliver Kelley, colored, stated that his house was searched for guns, and that $75 in money was taken.

Several others testified to similar treatment.

Sylvia McKinney testified that her husband was killed in a fight on the Jackson road, and buried by her and four other women.

Hamilton Slaughter and George Jones, colored, stated that they were taken from the house of a farmer near the Jackson road, on the day of the fight, together with three other negroes, and marched a short distance from the house by a party of mounted men, who then shot Homilton in the shoulder and Jones through the arm, and Jack Barlow, who was with them, was killed outright. The rest immediately ran, and made their escape, but Jones was again slightly wounded in the back while running.

Peter Crosby, colored Sheriff, was examined at great length by Gen. Hariburt, and the main points of his testimony were to the effect that he had had resigned because he thought his life would be endangered by a refusal, and the second time for the same reason, and that Adjt. Gen. Packer so advised him, as he thought his (Packer's) life was in danger unless he (Crosby) resigned; that Col. Miller suggested his resignation in the first place, and that the Board of Supervisors accepted his resignation while he was in jail and surrounded by guards. He stated that after he was forced to resign by the taxpayers he went to Jackson and consulted with the Governor and other State officials, who informed him he had the authority to summon a posse of the county to regain his office. He had requested a friend, who he declined to name, to write his so-called proclamation for publication in the *Plaindealer*, but it was written in much stronger language than he wanted, and published in handbills, and distributed without his knowledge. When he reached here and found this out, he had published an explanation. He gave Owen and Slith verbal orders to summon a posse for Monday, but at the request of prominent citizens and Gen. Packer, he had tried to get horses to send couriers to countermand this, but failing to get horses, he had hired five men to go on different roads to stop the men, which they failed to do. Owen and Slith only were instructed to summon men. He then detailed his arrest and imprisonment, which did not differ materially from other testimony, except that he was not allowed the freedom stated by others.

The committee goes to Jackson on Wednesday.

INSIDE HISTORY OF THE CHANGES IN THE PACIFIC MAIL DIRECTORY.

A SCHEME OF MR. RUFUS HATCH—REASON WHY HE DESIRED MR. SAGE'S RETURN—THE RESULT DOUBTFUL.

The inside history of the intrigue which resulted in the restoration of Mr. Russell Sage to his former position as Director of the Pacific Mail Company is rather interesting. The entire scheme, it would seem, was engineered by Mr. Rufus Hatch. At a recent meeting of the Directors Mr. Hatch once more deemed it advisable to "make a clean breast of it," and, representing to his colleagues the desperate straits of the company, asked them what they were willing to do to save the credit of the concern. Much to his disgust the Directors did not evince that desire to keep the American flag upon the seas that animates the breasts of Mr. Hatch and Mr. John Roach. They were willing to subscribe amongst them the magnificent sum of $15,000, and no more Mr. Hatch, it is said, could not restrain his indignation at the niggardliness, and want of patriotic spirit manifested, and contemptuously exclaimed: "After all, Russell Sage's little finger is worth the whole caboodle of you," whereupon he dashed out of the room. Some time after the date of this meeting Mr. Hatch made one of his disinterested trips to Washington. While he was absent, Mr. Alexandre, the President, receiving an instalment of the subsidy, sent for Mr. Sage, and offered payment of the $125,000 owed to him by the company. Mr. Sage, on learning of the financial difficulties of the corporation consented to take $100,000 and allow the balance of $25,000 to remain in the company's treasury. On learning this, Mr. Hatch expressed a determination to have Sage back as a Director in the company, and, characteristically enough, allowed no obstacle to stand in the way of his design His efforts in this direction, as already stated, resulted in the election of Mr. Sage yesterday as a Director. The election of Mr. Sage was proposed in the following resolution, offered by Mr. Smith:

Whereas, Mr. Rufus Hatch has, upon full investigation of the charges made by him against Mr. Russell Sage, late President of the company, ascertained that he was mistaken, and has stated to this board that he takes pleasure in withdrawing the same; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the charges made by Mr. Rufus Hatch are withdrawn by him, and that a copy of this preamble and resolution be sent to Mr. Russell Sage.

The fact of his election was made known to Mr. Sage by the receipt of the following communication:

Hon. Russell Sage, No. 25 William street:

DEAR SIR: By directions of the Board of Directors of this company, I have the pleasure to hand you the inclosed copy of resolution, passed unanimously at a special meeting held this day, and also notice of your unanimous election as Director of the company.

Yours very truly, THOMAS T. GAMBLE, Secretary.

ANOTHER STORY

Another story in regard to the matter is that the real reason influencing Hatch in his desire for the return of Sage was that he had ascertained that Messrs Guion, Alexandre, and Talcott had determined to get rid of him, and also believed that the only means to save himself was "by having a new deal," to use his own phrase. The ultimate result of his strategy in this respect is somewhat doubtful, as it is understood in quarters likely to be well-informed that Mr. Sage is not likely to accept the position thus tendered to him, and consequently the unfortunate stockholders of Pacific Mail may, after all, entertain some hope of getting rid of Mr. Rufus Hatch. In the event of Mr. Sage's declining to act, as is more than probable, it is understood that Messrs. Alexandre, Guion, and Talcott will withdraw their resignations, and the general impression on the street is, that their first act will necessarily be the removal of Mr. Hatch.

A LONG VOYAGE AND A SPANISH ONION DIET.

The three-masted schooner Lottie, Capt. James R. Speed, on Saturday arrived in Baltimore from Corunna, a Spanish port on the Bay of Biscay, after a tedious passage of sixty days, with one of her masts broken and mainsail gone. She has as cargo over 300,000 Spanish onions. The Lotta left New-York in July for Corunna with petroleum, and was detained at the latter port nearly three months because of irregularities in her manifest. Captain Speed then took in sand ballast, bought the onions on his own account, and set sail for New-York. On the 8th of December the schooner encountered a gale, and had her mainmast broken and all the sails on it carried away, which retarded her progress materially. The provisions ran short, and for some time the crew subsisted mainly on onions, they being served up boiled, stewed, fried, and fricaseed. When the vessel reached Norfolk it was deemed prudent for her to go to Baltimore, rather than risk the further sea trip to New-York. The Lotta formerly belonged to Baltimore, but is now owned in New-York.

STATISTICS OF COLORADO.

The following figures are given to illustrate Colorado's resources and advancement: The assessed valuation of property in the Territory has increased from $15,778,005 to $44,393,806 during the past four years, and this does not include the chief source of wealth, mining property, which is not taxable. Colorado pays more internal revenue tax than the other nine territories combined, and more than Vermont, Oregon, Nevada, or Arkansas. The mines yielded $3,400,000 in silver and $2,100,000 gold in 1874, and there is every indication that these figures will be doubled during the ensuing year. For the first time silver takes the lead, and, although gold mines are turning out nobly, Colorado will hereafter be famous, chiefly as a silver bearing region, and will rank next to California and Nevada in the product of the precious metals. Coal will prove as important an interest as the above, and there are 20,000 square miles of coal bearing lands within our borders. The 600 miles of completed railway will be increased to 1,000 within the next eighteen months.

THE CITY OF DENVER.

Denver, the commercial and political capital of the Territory of Colorado, claims to be the handsomest and best built town west of St. Louis. It is the terminus of six lines of railway. There are in the city a dozen banks, a score of hotels and churches, five public-school edifices, costing $150,000, and other educational establishments costing an equal amount. four daily papers and a half dozen weeklies. The city has water works, gas, horse railroads, theatres, and public libraries. The following statistics show the business done there in 1874: Value of new buildings erected, $1,200,000; amount of business transactions, $20,000,000; bank deposits, $2,000,000; exchange handled, $25,000,000; property valuation, $15,000,000. The trade of one grocery firm exceeds $1,000,000, and two banks pay a dividend of 15 per cent. each on their capital stock. The amount of money-order business for the year at the Denver Post Office was $1,126,467.

REPORTED DUEL IN MARYLAND.

The Newtown (Worcester County, Md.,) *Record* gives an account of a duel said to have taken place in that county last week, but does not give the names of the parties engaged in it. The *Record* says that two prominent young men of that town were rivals in the affections of a young lady, and to whom both of them have been paying attentions since June last, they were the best of friends up to a few weeks ago, when the young lady seemed to prefer the attentions of one of them, and it was rumored that she had consented to confer her hand and heart upon him. This led to a difficulty between the disappointed lover and his rival, followed by a challenge, and the parties and their friends left Newtown on Friday morning, and proceeded to the Cross Roads. After the preliminary arrangements were made, the young men took their positions, and at the dropping of a handkerchief, the signal for firing, there were two simultaneous reports, and the challenging party fell, bleeding profusely from a wound in the region of the right lung. The challenged party, who escaped unhurt, accompanied by a friend, immediately drove to Snow Hill and proceeded to Philadelphia. The wounded man was taken to a farm house, where he is under medical treatment, and it is thought he may recover, but it is doubtful. His family believe him to be in Baltimore on business, as he left Newtown on Thursday afternoon, avowing such intention, but returned to Newtown on Thursday night. The young lady is said to move in the best circles, and to be entirely ignorant of the hostile meeting, believing her admirers to be the best of friends.

MONUMENT TO POE.

Mr. William Elliot, Jr., President of the Baltimore City College, states that a sufficient sum has been raised through the agency of the public school teachers of Baltimore, the ladies of the Female High Schools, and Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, formerly a Baltimorean, to erect a monument to the memory of the poet Edgar A. Poe, whose remains are buried in Westminster church-yard in Baltimore. The monument has been designed by Mr. George A. Frederick, architect, of Baltimore. It will cost $1,500. The style will be chaste and simple, and the material Italian marble. One panel will bear a medallion in bas relief of Poe, the other panels being suitably inscribed.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT DENTIST.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Jan. 11.—Franklin R. Thomas, a prominent dentist of this city, who was injured by his carriage colliding with a railroad train at Broad and Willow streets, on Saturday night, died this afternoon from his injuries.

A MILITARY RECEPTION.

SEVENTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC—THE MILITARY AND CIVIC GUESTS—PROGRAMME OF THE DANCES.

The ball season opened very auspiciously last night with the seventh annual reunion of the Twenty-second Regiment. The Academy of Music was filled with a brilliant assemblage, and the success of the ball of this year was as decided as that of any of its predecessors. Owing to the large number of invitations issued last year, the Academy was completely jammed, and dancing on that occasion was therefore attended with considerable difficulty. In order to remedy this state of affairs and provide more effectually for the comfort of their guests, the officers of the regiment decided on reducing the number of invitations this season to one-half. The competition for the possession of tickets became brisk accordingly. While the Academy was comfortably filled last night this precaution prevented a crush, and allowed those fortunate enough to obtain admission ample space for dancing. The decorations were few and simple, but the absence of ornament was amply compensated in the brilliant scene presented on the floor of the ball-room, which is never better adorned than when filled with gay and elegantly-attired dancers. The floral decorations consisted of vases of choice flowers placed at each of the entrances to the floor. At the extreme end of the stage a balcony had been erected, with a pretty Swiss scene in the background, and an arching of canvas resembling the interior of a tent. Suspended over the balcony was an illumination in gas representing the regimental arms, the well-known Maltese cross, with the number and inscription "dependam" of the regiment in the centre. On either side were the figures 1861 and 1875, representing the date at which the regiment was organized and the present year. One of the proscenium boxes on the right hand side was decorated with the civic, State, and national flags, and reserved for Col. Porter and his friends. At the opposite side the principal box was draped with the colors of the regiment, and set apart for the use of military guests. The music by Gilmore's Band was all that could be desired, and many of the pieces performed were much admired. The arrangements for the reception and subsequent accommodation of the guests were admirable, and reflected the highest credit on the different committees, who were untiring in their efforts to minister to the comfort of their visitors.

The company was decidedly select, and bore ample testimony to the social worth of the members of the Twenty-second. The other regiments of the First Brigade were well represented, and conspicuous among the glittering uniforms were members of Gov. Tilden's staff, Gen. Shaler's staff, and the old Guard. Although the members of the Twenty-second mustered in force, they did not make as imposing a military display as in former years, a larger number preferring to appear in citizen's dress, and as a consequence the swallow-tails were in the majority. There were sufficient uniforms, however, to make the floor brilliant, without being dazzling, and the continual changes of color produced, as gorgeous uniforms glided past the less pretentious dress of the hosts of the evening, and gentlemen's sober evening costume became mixed in the mazes of the dance with the brilliant hues displayed by their companions, formed a picture of animation and beauty. The boxes were comfortably filled during the evening by spectators, and dancing was mingled in with a will by those who preferred the floor to the gallery.

The company began to arrive shortly after 9 o'clock, and were received by the committee appointed for that purpose. Shortly after 10, Gilmore commenced the overture and at its conclusion the Floor Committee marched on the floor and took up their positions around the hall. At 10:30 the new march of the Twenty-second Regiment was struck up and the entrée to the ball-room was made. The promenade was headed by Col. Josiah Porter and his lady, followed by the officers of the regiment, and the general company, in sufficient numbers to cover the floor comfortably. The ball was opened by Col. Porter, who danced with his wife, the set being formed by Adjt. Waydell and Miss Abendroth, Surgeon and Mrs. Rodenstein, and Assistant Surgeon and Mrs. Roberts. By the time the second dance on the programme had been reached the numbers on the floor had been considerably augmented, and by 11 o'clock the ball-room was filled to its utmost dancing capacity. The dresses of the ladies were rich and varied, and included several novelties, not yet generally introduced in evening costumes. Altogether the ball of the Twenty-second Regiment for the present year was a decided success, and reflects much credit on the officers and members who had charge of the arrangements.

Among the prominent officers present were Cols. James B. Pearsall, Thomas Stokes, Clifford H. Bartlett, and L. G. Strong, of Gov. Tilden's staff; Gen. N. Cano Dunn, Col. H. A. Gildersleeve, Col. Carl Jansen, Lieut. Col. C. R. Mitchell, Majors Parker, Belknap, and Capt. Post, of Gen. Shaler's staff; Major Wilson, of Gen. Ward's staff; Col. John Ward, of the Twelfth Infantry; Lieut. Col. Bingham, of the Second Regiment N. G. S. N. J.; Capts. Crane and Gilmore, Adjt. Van Ilderstine, Lieuts. Jackson and Franklin, of the Fifth Infantry N. G. S. N. J.; Col. Church, of the *Army and Navy Journal*; Col. Richard Vose and Quartermaster Gumbert, of the Seventy-first Infantry; Lieut. Col. Brown, of the Veteran Corps, Twenty-second Infantry; Major Heas, of the Third Artillery, United States Army; Major George W. McLean, of the Old Guard; Col. Josiah Porter, Lieut. Col. John T. Camp, Major W. J. A. McGrath, Surgeon Charles F. Roberts, Adjt. John Waydell, Capt. R. Kelly Sivka, Charles D. Topping, S. M. Smith, John H. Hetfield, S. Ellis Briggs, Clients, Henry L. Knapp, A. J. Root, John C. Wilmerding, and H. Miller, of the Twenty-Second Infantry. Among the civic guests were Messrs. M. Dupignac, John H. Turner, Theodore Moss, and Gilson Willetts. The Reception Committee was represented by Lieut. Col. John T. Camp; House Committee, Maj. W. J. McGrath; Floor Committee, Capt. R. Kelly Sivka; Press Committee, Lieut. W. J. Carmichael; Quartermaster, Sergt. Paterson; Color Sergt. Coles, Sergts. W. J. Murphy, and James Barry.

The following was the order of dancing:

PROGRAMME.

Twenty-second Regiment Infantry Grand March. 1. Lancers; promenade. 2. Galop; promenade. 3. Redowa; promenade. 4. Quadrille; promenade. 5. Redowa; promenade. 6. Galop; promenade. 7. Lancers; promenade. 8. Redowa; promenade. 9 Galop; promenade. 10. Lancers; promenade. 11. Redowa; promenade. 12. Quadrille; promenade. 13. Redowa; promenade. 14. Galop; promenade. 15. Lancers; promenade. 16. Redowa; promenade. 17. Galop; promenade. 18. Lancers; promenade. 19. Redowa; promenade. 20. Galop; promenade.

THE MASSACHUSETTS EL DORADO.

The Newburyport (Mass.) *Herald* seems disposed to laugh at the reports of a mining fever in that vicinity, and even goes so far as to institute a comparison between the reports that have got abroad concerning silver discoveries there, and those about the ghost in the Chelsea street schoolhouse there sometime ago. According to this authority there has been no excitement. The people thereabouts have been exceeding slow to realize that there is mineral wealth there, and hundreds still doubt the evidence of their senses. One very respectable old gentleman persists in the belief that the silver brick which was on exhibition was bought to be shown, and that the gold was a twenty-dollar coin melted up for the same purpose. As in the days of the ghost the contrast between the excitement abroad and the calm there is curious, and it seems to be the converse of the law of gravity to increase in proportion to the square of the distance from the centre. Nevertheless the order of the original prospectors suffers no diminution, and eminent counsel have been engaged to settle the dispute about the ownership of the land, the original owner having brought a bill in equity to restrain the present owner from conveying the land on account of alleged fraud. This zeal on the part of the owners of the mines and the calmness of the inhabitants would seem to be incongruous, but the Newburyport editor furnishes a clue to this state of affairs when he remarks that a rise of ten cents a bushel in onions would stir up as much feeling among the neighboring farmers as the knowledge that their pastures were underlaid with silver and gold.

MAKING MONEY OUT OF PANCAKE.

The Belfast (Me.) *Journal* tells how an enterprising woman is making money there: "It is not of that article of diet made by our grandmothers that we are to speak, but a pancake of a less digestible nature, manufactured at the Belfast shoe factory. Nothing in the shape of leather is allowed to go to waste in that institution. Even the shavings from the sole leather have their use, and from them the pancakes are made. These shavings are placed upon a table before the operatives, who separate and carefully spread them out within a small casing with paste, in layers, like raisins in a box—first leather, then paste, and the whole patted down compactly. When a cake is completed it is about one foot in length, four inches wide, and half an inch in thickness. They are then laid away to dry, and in three or four days are ready for use, which is to be cut up into inner heel lifts. Their manufacture is not a very pleasant job, as the girls who make them are up to their elbows in paste. When the factory first started this work was given to the boys at four cents per cake. She became so expert that she could easily make 100 per day. Being an enterprising woman, and seeing money ahead, she closed a contract with the proprietors for the sole manufacture, at four cents apiece, and thus hired help. To-day she has an apartment off the sole room, and employs six women, who turn out from 300 to 400 a day."

SOVEREIGNS OF INDUSTRY.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Jan. 11.—The annual session of the National Council of Sovereigns of Industry will begin to-morrow.

Delegates from Maine, New-Hampshire, Rhode Island, Illinois, New-York, Pennsylvania, and other States, are already in town. The session will continue one week.

LETTER FROM WEBSTER.

HIS APPRECIATION OF A GIFT FROM HIS FRIENDS.

From the Elizabeth Journal.

The following letter was written by the late Daniel Webster to the late Ebenezer Smith, of Boston, the father of our fellow-citizen, Mr. Isaac T. Smith, living on Bayway, and President of the New-York Metropolitan Savings Bank. It is well known that Mr. Webster, although in receipt of large retaining fees, was always in arrears in money matters. This arose from his utter indifference and carelessness in such things. It is said that on one occasion Webster on receiving a draft for $1,000 by mistake to suit assuager and used it as a book-mark. The pieces were found a year or two afterward and restored to their original position. A number of Mr. Webster's friends, including Mr. Smith, at the suggestion of David Sears, subscribed each $1,000 for the purpose of relieving Mr. Webster's embarrassments, this letter was written in acknowledgement of the receipt of that contribution, and addressed to the prime mover of the subscription.

WASHINGTON, March 23, 1843.

Hon. David Sears.

SIR: I had the honor to receive yesterday, your letter of the 21st inst.

The kindness manifested by the transaction, information of which you communicate, is of too important and grave a character to be acknowledged in the forms in which a sense of ordinary obligation is usually expressed. I cannot but feel how entirely unworthy my public services have been of so unusual and munificent a memorial.

It is true, I have been in public life many years, to the no small neglect of my profession, and prejudice of my private affair

THE WORLD OF SCIENCE.

NEW AND INTERESTING FACT IN REGARD TO EXPLOSIVES.

The investigations which, during the past two or three years, have been prosecuted by Messrs. Noble and Abel in England, and Messrs. Roux and Sarrau on the Continent, in regard to the properties of explosive bodies, the amount of energy developed by them in explosion, the manner in which this energy is exerted, and the composition of the resultant products, gaseous and solid, have shed a great deal of light upon a subject which is no less important in a practical than in a scientific point of view. One fact recently established by the experimenters last mentioned will excite the surprise of those (and this class embraces almost everybody) who have hitherto regarded gunpowder and nitro-glycerine as belonging to classes of explosives essentially different. According to these authorities, many explosive substances, perhaps all, have two modes of explosion, dependent chiefly on the instrumentalities by which the explosion is provoked. They accordingly classify these effects as explosions of the first order and explosions of the second order. The explosion of the first order, otherwise called *detonation*, consists of an instantaneous reaction between the molecules of the entire mass simultaneously, with liberation of all its potential energy at once. In the explosion of the second order the reaction is progressive, and its violence is dependent on its rapidity. This may be called deflagration. The most energetic explosives, like nitro-glycerine, picric acid, potassa picrate, pyroxyline, (gun-cotton,) &c., when simply inflamed, burn with an explosion of the second order. Heat alone fails to bring on the more sudden and powerful reaction. Of the explosion of the first order the efficient cause is concussion; and this will serve to induce it without heat, or at best without any heat but that which is developed by the blow. Something also depends on the character of the concussion. Nitro-glycerine will detonate with fulminate of mercury, but not with gunpowder; or at least gunpowder in small charges only causes it to deflagrate with an explosion of the second order. Again, though gunpowder only deflagrates nitro-glycerine, the bullet thrown by gunpowder causes it to detonate. Gunpowder itself has not hitherto been known to detonate under any circumstances. Our ordinary gun-caps are charged with fulminate of mercury. But if a charge of gunpowder be placed in contact with a small amount of nitro-glycerine, and this nitro-glycerine be detonated by means of fulminate of mercury, the gunpowder will detonate also. This is quite a new and very interesting fact.

From the statements which we have thus far seen, we are unable to judge to what extent the destructive energy of gunpowder is increased by this manner of exploding it. It is simply stated in general, that these two kinds of explosion, whatever be the explosive used, produce with the same amount of material similarly confined, very greatly different degrees of pressure. It may possibly happen therefore that gunpowder may yet replace nitro-glycerine in those great engineering operations in which this latter substance has of late years been so extensively used, with a material diminution of the dangers attending them. This substance, it is true, must still be used as a detonator, but the quantity necessary for that purpose will be small, so that disasters from the fall of heavy masses or from accidents in transportation will not be likely to occur.

THE CHAMELEON'S CHANGES OF COLOR—THEIR CAUSE.

A paper was recently read before the Society of Biology of Paris, by Mr. Paul Bert, upon the causes which produce the changes of color in the chameleon. These changes do not run through quite so wide a range of tints as is assumed by the disputatious travelers in Arabia in the well-known fable. They vary from a deep bottle-green, through a bright pea-green, up to a very lively yellow. The cause producing them is purely nervous. This has been fully proved by various experiments in vivisection. If the sciatic nerve is divided on the left side, this side of the body takes the darkest tint, while the opposite side becomes light. The nerves producing these effects, though they accompany the motor nerves from the brain to the extremities, do not appear to be identical with them. Curious effects follow the removal more or less completely of the encephalon. If both hemispheres are partially removed, the nucleus remaining, the animal becomes dark. If one hemisphere is removed only, the opposite side becomes dark, but the side which has suffered the injury retains the lighter tint. Anæsthetics and all drugs or poisons which act upon the nervous system produce effects which cannot be always predicted. Curare makes the animal deeply dark, but chloroform brightens the tint. Chloroform, in quantities sufficient to destroy life, acts in the end, however, like curare, to make the color dark. There are, therefore, nerves called distinctively coloring nerves, proceeding from the centre of the encephalon, through which the will of the animal, of which the hemispheres are the organs, acts to vary its tint at pleasure.

The mechanism by which this is done is thus described: Beneath the skin of the animal there are found all over its surface vesicles charged with a coloring fluid, which, when withdrawn into them, leaves the epidermis and the tissue immediately beneath to exhibit their natural color, which is bright yellow. These vesicles, however, communicate with a net-work of minute ducts intersecting and interlacing by a myriad of ramifications immediately beneath the transparent epidermis, and when the coloring liquid is injected into these the effect is to produce a change of color in the animal, the intensity of which depends on the degree to which they are distended. The nerves act directly on the vesicles. When these contract the fluid is expelled; when they expand it is reabsorbed.

Mr. Bert has observed the curious fact that light has the effect to brighten the color of the chameleon, and that in darkness it becomes also dark. Thus, when approached in the night while sleeping, one side being in the light and the other in shadow, the shadowed side only is found dark, the other being light. If awakened it becomes light on both sides. The manner in which this nervous stimulation, with its resulting reflex action, is produced, is not clear, and it is suggested that we may have here a point of departure for future investigations of interest to general physiology.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC LAMP.

For many purposes in photography artificial light is indispensable, and for many purposes for which it is not indispensable it is often extremely convenient. Hitherto the only sources of such light available to the photographer have been the oxyhydrogen, the electric, and the magnesium lamps. All of these are expensive, and practically the first has been but little used. The electric lamp requires a battery, and is therefore cumbrous and troublesome to manage. The magnesium light is intermittent, and produces a cloud of flocculent oxide in its combustion.

At a recent meeting of the French Academy of Sciences there was presented a description of a lamp for photographic uses, newly invented, which seems likely, both on account of its cheapness and of its photographic power, to supersede all those above mentioned, and probably to make artificial light a more frequent auxiliary of the photographic art than it has been heretofore. The materials used in this lamp are carbonsulphide, and binoxide of nitrogen, otherwise called nitric oxide. The vapor of the sulphide is mingled with the gaseous binoxide in a vessel of glass or metal having two tubulures. This vessel is in the first place filled with fragments of sponge, coke, or pumice-stone, saturated in their pores with the liquid sulphide. A tube descending through one of the tubulures reaches nearly to the bottom, and through this is introduced the binoxide. The mingled vapor and gas pass out through a second tube, which occupies the other tubulure, and which is closed by a plug of porous iron formed of scales from the forge. The design of this is the same as that of the wire gauze of the safety lamp, to prevent the flame from ascending to the reservoir and producing explosion. An elastic tube of caoutchouc conducts the inflammable mixture to a gas jet resembling Bunsen's burner without the air-holes. This burner is also plugged with porous iron.

The binoxide of nitrogen is generated, not in the usual manner from nitric acid and copper, which would be unnecessarily expensive, but from the action of nitro-sulphuric acid upon iron. The generator is of the self-acting description, arresting its own action when the gas ceases to be drawn. With an apparatus of convenient dimensions, a flame twenty-five centimètres (ten inches) high is obtained, of dazzling brightness. What is remarkable about this flame is its richness in photogenic rays. On this point the results of comparative experiments indicate that it is superior to the magnesium light, and that it exceeds the oxyhydrogen light twofold, and the electric light threefold. A mixture of chlorine and hydrogen in explosive proportions detonates instantly when exposed to it.

A few of the experiments in practical photography made with this light will serve to convey an idea of its photogenic energy. In one instance a photographic negative on glass was introduced into a kind of magic-lantern arrangement, and its image reduced to one-fourth projected on a sensitive plate. In ten seconds the impression was complete. The same experiment repeated with a magnesium lamp of two ribbons, gave an inferior result, and the light was less manageable. Using the light to illuminate an object photographed in the ordinary way, the results were no less satisfactory. Placed at the distance of two mètres from an engraving, without the aid of concentrating lenses or reflectors, a perfect negative was taken in five seconds. At a similar distance from the light, only fourteen seconds were required to produce satisfactory portraits from the life. These examples suffice to show that in this invention we have an improvement of real and substantial value. For photographing interiors its probable usefulness is obvious. The inventors are Messrs. B. Delachanal and A. Mermet. F. A. P. B.

AN INCIDENT OF THE CIVIL WAR.

A REPUBLICAN POST ATTACKED BY CARLISTS AND CAPTURED—THE PRISONERS SHOT AND STABBED IN COLD BLOOD—SUFFERING CAUSED BY THE BURNING OF THE FARM-HOUSES BY THE REPUBLICANS.

From Our Special Correspondent.

HENDAYE, Sunday, Dec. 20, 1874.

A report has just arrived here from the Carlist head-quarters at Vergara stating that Gen. Mendiri's forces have gained a slight victory at Casada, opposite Tafalla. It appears that the Republicans commenced fortifying the heights of Casada on the 12th inst., for the purpose of placing a battery there to cover the advance of their forces in case it was deemed advisable to attack Carascal. The Carlists under Gen. Mendiri, consisting of four battalions of Navarrese and Guipuzcoans, advanced upon the outposts of the Republicans on the morning of the 14th inst., much in the same manner as they advanced upon the outposts round St. Marcial on the 25th of November, and drove them in at the point of the bayonet, taking two companies of Republicans prisoners. They then attacked the Republican force round the earthworks and fortifications, and drove them away with heavy loss. Mendiri's men also suffered severely, but it is said they behaved admirably throughout the contest. This is rather a discouraging event for Serrano, who has declared his intention of driving the Carlists over into France.

Since writing the above I have heard that the Carlists shot their prisoners a short time after they were captured. It appears that most of these prisoners surrendered in two houses which formed the advanced posts of the Republicans. While a majority of Mendiri's men were attacking the fortifications which were in the course of construction a strong guard was left round these two houses. The men composing this guard were Navarrese and Guipuzcoans, who have just cause to be enraged against the Government troops for the outrages committed during the attack at San Marco, Oyarzun, and St. Marcial, when, it will be remembered, the Carlist houses were systematically burned. This guard called loudly for vengeance, and, in spite of the efforts of the officers, they ordered the Republicans to come out of the houses. Those who obeyed this order were immediately shot down and bayoneted, and those who remained behind were killed by the Carlists, who rushed into the buildings and shot and stabbed them in cold blood. The Carlist officers did all they could to save the lives of the prisoners, but the bloodthirsty fury of the soldiers could not be restrained. This is a bad time for a Republican to fall into the Carlists' hands, for they are smarting over the house-burning business and the execution of Lozano by the Republicans. A few days ago a woman and three children—some of the recent inhabitants of one of the numerous farm-houses which were destroyed near Irun—were found dead in the mountains, in a small hut made of fern and branches of trees. The hovel was half covered with snow, and there is no doubt that the occupants died of starvation and cold. Thus this unhappy war continues, wanton cruelty and savage retaliation marking the actions of the soldiers on either side.

A LOVE-LORN PHYSICIAN.

A resident of Newbern, N. C., has received the following letter from a country physician, who is a widower, and anxious again to marry:

MY DEAR FRIEND: I write to get you to do a favor for me. It is to see Mrs. ——, of your town, and find out if she would like to marry, and what you think would be my chance. It is true, my dear little wife has not been dead a year yet; but I am afraid if I wait much longer Mrs. —— would fancy some one and I would miss the chance. I am getting a good practice at this place; but if she fancied me and would marry, I would practice in Newbern. Please attend to this to-day, and let me know what my chance would be. Don't take any one's word, but go and see her yourself. Tell her who I am, and she can then write to ——, of this place, and learn what the people here think of me as a physician, &c., &c.

Would write more, but am sent for to see two patients. Love to all. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am yours affectionately. ——.

P. S.—I have written to —— upon the subject. Please see him, and make the match if you can.

THE RUSSIAN COUNTESS' LACES.

The case in which the Russian Countess, Olga De Maluta Fraloff, seeks to recover $75,000 from the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for laces alleged to have been lost by her while traveling on that road, was continued yesterday in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Wallace. The case for the plaintiff was closed by expert testimony as to the value of the lost laces, from which it appeared that some of the "Point d' Alencon" variety, thirty inches wide, was valued at from $1,200 to $1,500 per yard. Mr. Shepard counsel for the railroad company, moved to dismiss the complaint, on the ground that as the company had not been notified of the value of the laces at the time they were received as baggage, it could not be held responsible for their loss. Pending argument on this question the court adjourned to this morning.

THE CENTENNIAL.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN PHILADELPHIA.

THE NEW PLANS—THE MAIN BUILDING—THE ART GALLERY—MACHINERY HALL—THE CONSERVATORY—THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1875.

The buildings for the Centennial Exhibition, which are already in course of construction, or are to be constructed, will by no means be in accordance with the designs originally decided upon by the commission. Indeed, not only is the design of the main building most materially changed, but that of the art gallery is a new one altogether, and as different in character as is Gothic and Grecian architecture. The first prize plans for the gallery were adjudged to be those of Messrs. Radford & Vaux, and Messrs. Collins & Audenreid, respectively. The commission could hardly have judged otherwise, for the designs of both these firms of architects were acknowledged to have been as near perfection as possible. The designs of Messrs. Radford & Vaux were duly accepted by the commission, who, at that time, fully anticipated an appropriation from Congress toward the general purposes of the exhibition. The designs for the art gallery were referred back to Messrs. Collins & Audenreid. Such a building, as exemplified in their plans, would not have cost less than $4,000,000 or $5,000,000; whereas the commission had just $1,500,000, and no more, to spend on the art gallery. The architects were asked if it were possible, while preserving the general character of their design, to so cut down the cost of carrying it out that the building should not cost more than the $1,500,000 which the State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia had voted for its especial construction. After mature deliberation, the architects determined that their design was most unsuitable to any such process of excision, and the commission eventually accepted the designs of Mr. H J. Schwarzmann, who is now in full charge of the work. The refusal of Congress to make a centennial appropriation also compelled the commission to reduce largely the proposed expenditure on the main building. The designs of Messrs. Vaux & Radford consisted, in the main, of a series of connected pavilions, in iron and glass, with elegantly groined arch roofs. To carry them into effect the commission felt that they would have to spend twice as much money as they felt justified in expending. They therefore asked the architects to so modify their plans as to show a marked reduction in the cost of construction. This they willingly did. Still, the cost was too high, and a further reduction was called for. The architects made every effort to bring down the cost of their plans to figures consonant with the views of the commission; but, at last, finding the task impracticable, they gave up the undertaking. In the meantime Mr. Pettit, the consulting engineer of the commission, had formed a plan by which some of the features of Messrs. Vaux & Radford's designs could be advantageously used, in conjunction with less costly details and accessories. The commission became convinced of the feasibility of this plan, and called on Mr. Pettit to furnish it in detail. This, however, he declined to do, on the ground of professional etiquette; but the original architects having most cordially and courteously waived all personal considerations in the matter, Mr. Pettit, in conjunction with his colleague, Mr. Wilson, immediately went on with his plans, which will be carried out, as the contract under them has been made and the foundations are being laid.

The general outline of the main building, constructed, as it will be, of iron and glass, reminds the eye very much of that of the first International Exhibition—that of London in 1851—with this exception, that in place of a lofty arched transept in the centre of the building, as was the case in London, the centre of the proposed structure will be occupied by pavilions, with four large towers 120 feet high. Its interior arrangements, however, will be different, in order to admit of the introduction of the dual system of classification adopted at the last French Exposition—that is, the placing of the countries geographically, and having every department running through every country in its proper order. But it is easy to see how much more can be made of this system in the Centennial building than was possible in the Paris building, when the shape of the respective buildings is considered. Whereas the Paris building was in the form of an ellipse, the Centennial building will be in that of a rectangular parallelogram; the one very inconvenient, compared with the other, for the dual system of classification. This main building will be 1,880 feet in length by 464 feet in width, and will cover an area of a little over twenty acres. Its main features consist of a nave, 120 feet wide; two central aisles, each 48 feet wide; a north and a south avenue, each 100 feet wide, and two side aisles, each 24 feet wide. These divisions run from east to west the entire length of the building, the intersection of the central pavilions not interfering with them. In fact the central space occupied by these pavilions, 464 feet square, is nothing more or less than the turning round, as it were, of the divisions running east and west to a direction running north and south, when they reach the centre of the building, thus giving a centre transept in place of a nave, a west and east transept in the places of a north and south avenue, and central-transept and side-transept aisles in the place of central and side aisles. The superstructure of the building will be composed of eight rows of wrought-iron columns, 24 feet apart, supporting wrought-iron roof-trusses; but the intersections of the nave and avenues and the transepts will form a splendid centre to the building by dividing the area of that centre into nine open spaces free from supporting columns, four of these spaces being 100 feet square, four 100 by 120 feet, and the central space 120 feet square, according to the width of the intersecting avenues and transepts. The intersections of the 48-foot aisles will create four interior spaces, 48 feet square, at each corner of the central space or pavilion. These four interior spaces will be occupied by four towers 120 feet high; and, as the roof of the central pavilion will be raised above the surrounding portion, a central feature of the building, as a whole, will be thus obtained. The towers will be provided with galleries at a height of thirty feet from the ground, from which a splendid bird's-eye view of the building, either way, will be had. This plan for an exhibition building seems to approach as nearly as possible to giving every exhibitor an equal chance. His exhibit will be on the same avenues as that of his foreign competitor; he will have precisely the same light and the same approach to his stand. The building will be lighted principally by side lights, and, as it runs east and west, one-half of the light will come from the north, which is acknowledged to be the best light for the purpose. As for ventilation, there will be Louvre ventilators over the centres of the roofs of the nave and avenues, and ventilating skylights over the centres of the roofs of the aisles. There will be four principal entrances to the building. The main one will be at the eastern end, where there will be an approach for visitors in carriages; the southern entrance will be for those arriving in street cars; the western entrance will be principally used by those passing to and from the machinery hall on the other side of Belmont avenue, and the northern entrance by those passing to and from the art gallery, the conservatory, and the agricultural and horticultural halls in the northern part of the exhibition grounds. There will be innumerable minor entrances in all parts of the building. On either side of the north and south entrances there will be a large restaurant, four in all, and each 72 feet by 24 feet. Offices for State and Foreign Commissioners will be provided near all the four main entrances, and on a second floor, running a length of 416 feet at both sides and 216 feet at both ends of the building. Additional offices can be provided by partitioning off as many of the 24 foot spaces between the avenues as may be required; thus giving Commissioners' offices in close proximity to their exhibits. This building will alone consume 7,500,000 feet of lumber, board measure, and 7,500,000 pounds of iron.

The art gallery will be a much more imposing and far more costly building than the main building. But the one is to be permanent, the other is to be only temporary; consequently, whereas the details of the design of the main building have been, in the iron work, governed to a certain extent by their salable characteristics after the exhibition is closed, the design of the art gallery has been left entirely in the realms of architectural art. The iron-work of the main building will be thoroughly suitable for selling in large sections for the construction of railroad depots, large warehouses, &c. Indeed, the commission did receive an offer to remove the building after the close of the exhibition, and pay $30,000 an acre, or over $600,000 in all for it. The art gallery will be one of those things of beauty which cannot be pulled down without being rendered valueless. It will be one more addition to the few specimens of fine architecture in the country. It is to be in the modern Rennaisance school, and will be built principally of granite, with glass and iron as accessories. No timber whatever will be used in its construction, thus rendering it perfectly fire-proof. Approaching the main or southern entrance to the gallery, the plan of the building presents an artistically imposing front. It covers a space of 365 by 210 feet, and stands on a terrace elevated six feet above the surrounding plateau. Its principal external features are a pavilion at each corner, connected with the main entrance, which consists of three colossal arched doorways, 40 feet high and 15 feet wide, by garden arcades; the entrance, and the arcades themselves, and a lofty glass dome springing to the height of 150 feet from the ground. Thirteen granite steps, 100 feet wide, lead to the entrance. The permanent doors, when put in, are to be of iron, relieved with bronze panels having the coats of arms of all the States and Territories, the coat of arms of the United States occupying the centre of the main frieze. Between the arches of the doorways are clusters of columns. The arcades on either side have five openings, and are intended to screen the necessarily long walls of the gallery. The gardens in the arcades are each 90 feet by 36 feet. They will be ornamented with fountains and statuary interspersed among the trees and plants. The four pavilions, which are 45 feet square and 60 feet high, will be done in plaster-work internally, the ceilings being frescoed in suitable designs. They will be devoted to the exhibition of statuary and bronzes. The main entrance opens into a reception-hall, 60 by 53 feet, the ceiling of which is also beautifully frescoed. From this hall three doors lead into the central or main hall, an apartment 83 feet square and rising 80 feet to the ceiling of the dome, which is supported by groined arches, elaborately frescoed. The glass cupola of the exterior or double dome rises to a height of 150 feet, and is surmounted by a colossal statue of Columbia. Colossal figures also occupy the four corners of the base of the dome. On either side of the main hall are long galleries, nearly 100 feet in length each, with temporary partitions for increasing the hanging space for pictures. These two galleries will be devoted to large pictures. The rear front has two floors with ten smaller rooms on each floor. These will be devoted to the exhibition of photographs, engravings, wood-cuts, etchings, &c. Mr. Schwarzmann, the architect of the gallery, is certainly to be congratulated on his artistic effort. The gallery cannot fail to excite general admiration, while its internal arrangements and accessories, its lighting, &c., are admirable. Much work has already been done in this building. The interior brick walls and piers are well advanced, and the granite exterior walls are laid as high as the water-tables. It will take 8,000,000 bricks and 175,000 cubic feet of white granite to complete the building, which will cover just one and one-half acres. Mr. Dobbins, the contractor, has two lines of tracks laid round the building—the inside for his traveling derricks, the outside for the granite-laden cars. By this means a slab of granite is raised from the car and laid right in its place, never again to be moved. The saving of time and labor thus effected is enormous. The heavy work on the gallery is now so far advanced as to relieve the minds of the commission of any anxiety as to its not being finished in good time.

The conservatory, which is also the design of Mr. Schwarzmann, is to be located about 500 yards due north of the art gallery, on a piece of ground which could not have been more suitable had it been specifically intended for the purpose by nature herself. The spot is a high knoll of over forty acres in extent, nearly surrounded by a timbered ravine, and overlooking the beauties of the Schuylkill River. There the conservatory is to stand, embowered among shady forest trees, and its vicinity will doubtless become a favorite resort for those in search of a little repose in a cool place. The conservatory will be constructed entirely of iron and glass. It will be 350 feet long, 160 feet wide, and 90 feet into the arch of the roof. It will not present any characteristic of architectural design differing very widely from the ideal large conservatory. It will consist of a main building, with the usual pent-roof, from the top of which will spring an arch, which will run the length of the structure. On either side of the conservatory there will be what are termed crossed "lean-tos," which will be devoted to green-house plants. The conservatory is to cost $250,000. It will depend very much for its effect upon the taste of those who have the filling of it, for such structures give only very commonplace opportunities of achieving artistic effect in their design. An empty conservatory is but a sorry-looking affair at the best; but if care is given to effectively filling this Centennial conservatory with the choicest of earth's plants and flowers, it will be a very prominent feature of the exhibition. Displays of fruits and flowers will constantly take place in the grounds surrounding it.

The machinery hall will certainly form one of the greatest attractions of the exhibition to a large class of persons, and they will not be surprised that a vast space has been allotted to it. It will cover a space of twelve acres in the large meadow extending from Belmont avenue to the foot of George's Hill. The hall is to be 1,400 feet long and 360 feet wide. Four large boiler-houses for running the machinery will be erected between the building and Elm avenue, on its southern side. These boiler-houses can be increased ad libitum; but it is anticipated that a large number of working steam-engines will be exhibited, and of course their power would be utilized for running the shafting for general purposes. With regard to the shafting, instead of wasting the power, as is common in such cases, it is arranged at the division of the sections so that each line of shafting can be made to run two lines of machines. As regards the design of the building, it is exceedingly simple and free from all ornamentation. It will be a glazed structure, and will be divided into five sections or compartments running the entire length of the building, the roof being supported by rows of pillars. Two of these compartments will be 90 feet wide and 66 feet to the span of the roof; the other three will be 60 feet wide and 33 feet to the span of the roof. The hall is to be completed for $300,000, which sum has been especially devoted by the City of Philadelphia to this purpose. It is the design of Messrs. Pettit and Wilson, and will, so far as its internal arrangements are concerned, somewhat resemble the main building.

THE BISHOP OF FOND DU LAC.

Of Rev. Leighton Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Toledo, Ohio, who has been elected Bishop of the new Episcopal diocese of Fond du Lac, the Toledo *Commercial* thus speaks:

Mr. Coleman was totally unprepared for the honor, having no idea that his name had been mentioned in connection with the office. He had only two acquaintances in the convention. A representative of the *Commercial* visited Mr. Coleman at his residence after the news of the proffered honor had been received. The gentleman seemed deeply affected, and expressed himself as decidedly loth to severe his present relations, which, though of comparative recent origin, are already very dear. He stated that at the close of his lecture last evening he invited a number of the leading members of his church to remain behind, and consulted with them concerning the matter. He could not decide on his course until he had consulted further, and had received more definite information from Fond Du Lac. Mr. Coleman, although but a short time Rector of Trinity, has won for himself numberless warm friends, who would deeply regret to lose him. He graduated from the New-York Theological Seminary in 1861, and was immediately chosen as Rector of the Parish at Busleton, a supurb of Philadelphia. At the expiration of two and one-half years he was called to St. John's Parish, Wilmington, N. C., and thence in 1866 to Manch Chunk, Penn. Last Spring he became a resident of Toledo and Rector of Trinity, succeeding Dr. Mulchaher. Wherever he has been located Mr. Coleman has developed great executive ability, and displayed a large talent for organization and improvement—facilities of peculiar advantage to the Bishop of a new diocese."

A LARGE LAKE STEAMER.

The Cleveland (Ohio) *Herald* says: "Messrs. Thomas Quayle & Sons are now building at their ship yard in this city one of the largest steamers ever placed on fresh water, intended for the Western Transportation Company, of Buffalo. The following are the dimensions and main specifications: Keel, 260 feet; beam, 42 feet; hold, 16 feet; length over all, 275 feet. She is to be built in the very strongest manner; floor timbers, 12 by 17 inches; main kelson, 17 inches; riders, 15 and 16 inches; outside plank, 5 inches; ceiling, from 6 to 9 inches. She is to be a freight steamer, (not a barge,) will have one mast, and is to have a 12-foot 3-inch wheel. She will run between Buffalo and Chicago in connection with the New-York Central Railroad."

A WRECKED GENIUS.

SINGULAR EXPERIENCES OF AN EXPERT INVENTOR.

RECORD OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS—FINAL INABILITY TO SUPPLY A LOST WHEEL—HIS REMOVAL TO AN ASYLUM.

From the Detroit Tribune, Jan. 9.

A month ago the Insane Asylum at Kalamazoo received the inventor Don J. Mozart. He is best known in Michigan as the designer of at least three different watches, each an improvement on its predecessor, and the earliest regarded as equal, if not superior, to any American watch made. He is a man of fifty-seven years of age, though ten years younger in appearance, of a sanguine, excitable disposition, a restless ingenuity, and gifted with a very instinct for mechanism. He overtaxed his eye and brain by working day and night, and then, when his natural resources were weakened, was worried by losses and business annoyances, in which "everything went wrong," into an insanity from which there is but little expectation that he will ever recover.

Mr. Mozart's personal history has been of almost romantic interest, so far as anything is known of it. He himself can tell nothing of his family, except that he is of Italian birth, and that when he was about three years old his father removed to this country. Little importance can be attached to the vague and sometimes conflicting speculations that are found in circulation respecting his early life. It is said, for instance, that the elder Mozart was a street musician, and a relation of the famous composer of that name. It is also said that he was a wealthy Italian, who fled from his native country for political reasons, and was afterward assassinated by political emissaries who had followed him to America. At all events he died when his son was very young. The family were living in Boston, and some years later the child, when about nine years old, was enticed, by the promise of curious shells, on board a vessel lying in the harbor, and persuaded or compelled to take passage for a long cruise. He did not get back for seven years, and, in that interval, all trace of his family seems to have been lost, and he has never recovered it, though he has tried repeatedly. For a long time he seems to have led a wandering life, to have tried his hand on mechanical occupations, and to have displayed a marvelous genius in comprehending, simplifying, and inventing mechanical contrivances. As a simple illustration, the story is told of his applying to a carpenter, when a young man, for work. The carpenter asked him if he understood the business. He said no, but he guessed he could learn. The carpenter asked him if he had any tools. No, he said, but he would get whatever he needed, and asked the carpenter to tell him what was necessary. A list was made out for him, and he supplied himself, but had a better idea of special uses of his new acquisitions. However, he must have shown some aptitude in becoming acquainted with them, for before long his employer set him to work at the not altogether child's play of making sash. While the rest were gone to dinner he hunted up a piece of sash, took it carefully apart, satisfied himself as to how it should be made, and went ahead, and presently was the expertest sash-maker in the establishment. His swift intelligence in mechanism became his reliance. He has said, after an experience of many years, that he never knew the time when, if he was short of money, he could not hide himself in a hole for a month, and would work out an idea that would bring him $1,000. The result is that money has come to him so easily he has valued it little, has spent it with a prodigal generosity, not to say recklessness, and having, most of his life, no special occasion for what is called business shrewdness, has in later years been victimized by speculators in his genius until the very annoyance to which he was subjected paved the way to the breaking down of his overworked mind. Among his inventions he is said to have made and sold to a Cuban company a clock that would run a year without winding.

Mr. Mozart has been engaged in the manufacture and improvement of watches for about fifteen years. As long ago as 1867 he established himself as a jeweler in Ann Arbor, and those of the trade there will remember his emphatic announcement in his earlier advertisement that at his place watches would be made to order, "bezels included!" the last claim being probably by somebody's declaration that watch bezels could not be obtained except at a distance. Indeed, he was not the man to be daunted by anything in mechanism. It was not long before the Mozart Watch Company was organized, a force of employes obtained, and work began upon the first of three distinct watches which he is known to have designed. The tools to be used in the manufacture had to be made at the outset, and it appears that Mr. Mozart kept in his hands alone the task of putting together and finishing up the watches. No one else was intrusted with this part of the work, and no one else knew how to do it. But before the manufactory was in full business order, the company found itself straitened for funds, and complications followed, ending in the formation of the Rock Island Company, and in Mr. Mozart's separation from the original enterprise. The Rock Island Company was to have gone on with the manufacture of the watch, but having lost the services of Mr. Mozart, found itself totally unable to do anything with the invention. The fact is that of the first watch only thirteen were ever completed, and good judges, into whose hands they have fallen, do not hesitate to rank them at the head of American timepieces. They mark the quarter second, need no regulation for months together, need cleaning very rarely, and are almost as reliable as chronometers. The chief novelty about them is, perhaps, their extraordinary simplicity of construction, and simplicity seems to have been the characteristic and the aim of all the Mozart watches. The inventor took pains to reduce the number of necessary parts to a minimum.

Mr. Mozart soon began work on another watch, which he said was to be an improvement upon the first. This turned out to be a stem-winder and to require winding only at intervals of several days. It was perfected, and he undertook to negotiate for its introduction to the market. He had been disappointed in his first venture, and although he expected to profit by the second, he soon found obstacles to satisfactory arrangements, and, after repeated and harassing endeavors to obtain what seemed to him a reasonable settlement, he closed negotiations, with little or no profit to himself, and after an experience that had worn on him to such an extent that those who were most intimate with him saw then the first signs of coming insanity. Not very long after the loss of his money by the failure of the banking-house of Millier & Webster aggravated these symptoms almost, if not quite, to the point of actual mania.

After these negotiations had ended, however, he seemed to feel better, and went energetically to work upon the third watch. The design was completed early last Summer, and was a curiosity in watch-making. Upon the dial were shown the year, month, day of the month, and day of the week; the quarter seconds were marked, the simple opening and shutting of the watch four or five times a day to learn the time kept it wound. If opened and shut oftener no injury was done, for the machinery was so arranged that when the watch was fully wound the spring was relieved from the further strain of surplus winding.

This was patented and exhibited to experts in New-York City. It accomplished all that was claimed for it, and experts are said to have been delighted with it, but, as the wealthy New-Yorkers had left for the watering-places at that time, declared the prospect poor for the immediate organization of a company to manufacture the watch, and invited Mr. Mozart to return again in the 30th of September, when the City would be repeopled with capitalists. He went home, and in the interval of leisure undertook to improve upon the appearance of a part of his invention by substituting a gilded and engraved cap for the one already in place in his model. In doing this he lost some piece of the mechanism. He tried to replace it, and could not do so readily. His eye had lost its clearness, and his troubles had shattered his nerves. However, with the wonderful patience and persistence that has always characterized him, he went on trying, breaking his instruments occasionally, making new ones, forgetting his plan, and working day and night trying to recall it and experimenting vainly. His wife begged him to let somebody else try, believing that under his direction the work could still be done by skilled hands, but he refused and went on persistently. The 10th of September passed by, but he believed he should finish his task soon, said so, and persevered. Later still he declared that he needed only a day more, and day after day he would repeat this. Then he was sure that there were only a few hours between him and success, and so he labored on, his delusion becoming stronger and stronger, till his friends saw there was no possible course but to remove him to the asylum at Kalamazoo, which was done on the 24 of December last. Within two days before his removal he was talking extravagantly, but coherently enough, of his brilliant prospects and the wealth and success that awaited him, and detailed to friends minutely the terms of an agreement that he claimed to have just made with persons in New-York, though he had never gone to that City after his visit in the early Summer. His mind had clearly reached that stage at which it regarded the visions upon which it had dwelt as facts finally accomplished.

The case is a curious one in the records of insanity. The hope that is given by his physicians is very slight, for the mental disease that had seized upon him was so strongly defined as to bar at least the possibility of immediate restoration. During his residence at the asylum, however, he has been comparatively quiet, and, of course, he is relieved from the strain of the self-imposed and almost incessant labor which preceded his removal.

COMPLAINT AGAINST CAPT. IRVING.

Capt. James Irving, of the Detective Force, was arraigned before the Board of Police yesterday to answer a charge of improper conduct preferred by William Corkran, a Police reporter employed by the *Sun*, who alleges that on Thursday, the 31st ult., he met Capt. Irving in the hall-way of the premises No. 301 Mulberry street, and that the Captain called him a thief and otherwise abused him, in the presence of Ex-Police Justice Coulter, without any cause or provocation. Capt. Irving, in his defense, denied that he called the complainant a thief. He stated that while he was talking to Mr. Coulter, Corkran entered the hallway and stopped as though endeavoring to listen to the conversation. He said to Corkran, "You are a scoundrel. You are more dangerous than Dutch Heinrich, the notorious thief. You are a liar. You don't tell the truth. You are more dangerous than a thief, for you can watch a thief, but not a liar." The Captain said that he was prompted to use such language to Corkran on account of false reports which he had published in the *Sun*. The case was referred to the board.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

NEGRO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Some Brooklyn friend has sent me your paper of Sunday, Dec. 13, in which I find an article by "your own correspondent," "Gar," in which I see my name mentioned, and to which I now refer.

The "many citizens" who gave information should have been more precise and particular, it seems to me, an old "blue Presbyterian from New-Jersey." We are quite apt to be careful in our statements of fact. The colored people are not in the "majority in Pine Bluff." The majority of teachers in the county is white. The Circuit Superintendents did not leave "certificates signed in blank" with the local magistrates, but with the county officers. We have had the County Superintendency the last two years. The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Chancery is white. The County Judge is white. The "ward magistrates" are all white but one. If the "rich lands" along the river have declined in value, the rents do not show it. Eight dollars per acre is low rent; and I have written up numerous accounts for the colored tenants which showed they were paying, and had given a mortgage on their crop to pay, $12, $15, and even $18 per acre rent on land that the planters offer at $40 to $50 per acre, and never have asked so much before. Besides, these measurements are often like the old method of measuring the lands purchased of the aborigines—"measured with a fox-skin and throwed the tail in." I have found, as a practical surveyor, that these acres never overrun, but frequently fall short one-tenth and even one-fifth. I was not "sent back" here, but came in February, 1870, and have stayed, in the interest of education, after teaching thirteen years in New-Jersey and seventeen years in Wisconsin. Came under the A. M. A., office No. 56 Reade street, New-York. I find no fault with your gentlemanly, learned, and earnest correspondent on account of any personal mention. Three of the pleasantest days of my term were the three he spent in my room. However, my five years in this school, with about one thousand different pupils, of all shades from white to black, and evidently from many different African tribes, does not warrant me in all the conclusions he arrives at. My anti-slavery schooling with Lewis Tappan and others prepared me to give my pupils an unprejudiced trial. I feel quite sure I have done so. I have been ably seconded by the School Board and patrons. I found the school almost destitute of books. In three months the parents purchased over $200 worth of text-books at my request. The most advanced could read in McGuffey's Fourth Reader, could read maps, and begin to divide in long division. With an average of seven months' school per year and an average of four months' attendance, in four years we had good classes in high arithmetic, algebra, physical geography, book-keeping, natural philosophy, and in music and drawing, with the elementary studies. There is more application than among white children, except the Germans. When a boy—the one described so minutely and truthfully (from thirteen to seventeen years old,)—in seventeen months' schooling four months in a year, will completely master Ray's Second Arithmetic, and give equal attention to the other elementary studies, I predict smartness of him. When a girl from thirteen to seventeen years, with three terms of music lessons on the cabinet organ, can read new four-part music at sight, I think she shows some "intellect." These are not isolated cases in our school. A black girl of thirteen years, who took her first lessons in 1870, not knowing a letter, or word, or figure, who can now analyze or solve anything in our common mental arithmetics, and work well in compound proportion by ratio, by proportion by cause and effect, cannot be considered far behind the medium pupils of our "common country" schools. These cases are here. Friend "Gar" happened in before many of our advanced pupils were in attendance. These people are the workers in this naturally beautiful country and lovely climate. They cannot come to school until the crop is ready for the market. This keeps them out until the holidays. The time from New Year's to July is the school-time, *par excellence*, for the freedmen's children.

Considering the fact that these youth and children go to homes in the back yards of the white families; homes of one room, 10

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—JAN. 11.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

200 A. & P. Tel..... 23¼ | 20 N. Y. C. & H.....101⅞
700 do..... 24 | 800 St. Paul..... 38¾
1000 Pacific Mail..b3. 34¼ | 300 St. Paul Pf..... 59
500 do..... 34⅜ | 100 Rock Island..... 103¼
600 do..... 34¼ | 200 do.....c 103⅛
900 do..... 34⅜ | 1200 Erie Railway..... 29
100 do..... 34½ | 500 do..... 28⅞
2700 Western Union. 76⅜ | 100 North-western.... 47
4100 do.....c. 76¾ | 400 do..... 46⅞
300 do.....c. 76⅝ | 400 do..... 47
1700 do.....s3. 76⅝ | 100 do.....b10. 47
700 do.....c. 76⅝ | 700 do..... 46¾
400 do.....b3. 76⅜ | 35 do..... 46½
600 do.....s3. 76⅝ | 100 do.....b3. 46⅞
1600 do.....s3. 76½ | 500 do.....c. 46¾
1000 do..... 76½ | 400 do.....b3. 47⅜
1000 Lake Shore..... 75¼ | 100 Tol. & Wabash.... 17⅛
100 do..... 75½ | 600 do..... 17¼
1700 do..... 75⅝ | 300 do..... 17⅜
900 do.....s3. 75¾ | 400 do..... 17⅞
1500 Union Pacific... 37⅜ | 100 Ohio & Miss..... 31⅞
300 do.....c. 37¼ | 1200 do..... 31⅝
25 do..... 37 | 500 do.....s3. 31½
1000 do..... 37¼ | 100 Han. & St. Jo..... 25¼
900 do.....b3. 37⅜

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C..... 12.118¼
6,000 U. S. 5-20, R., '65, N..... 12.117
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62..... 12.114⅜
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62..... b. c.114½
23,000 U.S-5-20c.,'67.118¾
$5,000 U. S. 5 20 C., '67..... 12.118⅛
1,000 U. S. 10-40 C..... 12.115¼
17,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65..... b.c.117⅜
4,000 U. S. 6s, Cur. 12..... 117½

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$1,000 Mo. 6s, L. ds. 85⅛
1,000 N. Y. S. R. b.c. 105¼
4,000 Tenn. 6s, o. ex. c..... 53
5,000 B'lyn 6s, W. L. 98¾
4,000 A. & S. 1st.. 105½
1,000 C.&O.1st, c.on. 46
5,000 C., B. & Q. 8s. 110½
3,000 C. & A. 1st.... 108
1,000 N. J. C. 1st.. 103
8,000 do.....b. c.103
3,000 C.&N.W.1.bds. 100
6,000 C. & N. W. C. C. G. bds.... 92½
2,000 Mich. Cen. 7s. 102
1,000 do..... 102⅜
10,000 Mor. & Es. 1st. 108½
1,000 Mor. & Es. 2d. 105
5,000 M. & E. 7s, 71. 101
1,000 Long D. bds. 101
10,000 H. & St.Jo.8s.C. 89½
1,000 Erie, 1st..b.c. 104
8,000 Erie 2d..... 104¼
2,000 L. S. D. bds.... 100¼
3,000 L. S.2d.c.b. c. 92
1,000 D., M. & Tol. 1st..... b. c.101½
1,000 C. P. 1st.. 90½
2,500 C. & P. 4th.... 95
4,000 C.C. & I.C. 1st. 100
3,000 C. & T. H. 1st. 104½
2,000 S. L. & I. M. 2d. 72½
1,000 T. & W. 1st, st. 100
L. div..... 63
2,000 P.,F.W.&C.1st. 106½
2,500 L. I. R. R. 1st. 90½
8,000 D.&H.R.b's'84. 104⅜
1,000 N.Y.C.6s,1883. 99⅝
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1,000 A.D.LC.7s,b. c. 99
17 Park Bank..... 138
50 D. & H. Can...b. c. 117⅞
300 Mil. Coal Co...b. c. 13½
100 At. & P. Tel...b. c. 23¼
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400 do..... 23½
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2500 do..... 23½
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300 Can. Pac...b. c. 83
1200 do.....b3. 83½
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100 Pac. R. of Mo. b. c. 47
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40 Del., Lack. & W. 108
200 Ohio & Miss..... 31⅞
825 Erie.....s3. 29¾
1200 do..... 29⅝
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40 do..... 29⅞
30,000 U. P. S'g Fd.. 85
10,000 Mor. & Es..... 81¾
4,000 O. & M. C. S. E.....b. c. 2
2,500 C. & P. 4th.... 95
4,000 C.C. & I.C. 1st. 100
2,000 C. & T. H. 1st. 104½
2,000 S. L. & I. M. 2d. 72½
1,000 T. & W. 1st, st. 100
L. div..... 63
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10,000 Mor. & Es..... 81¾
4,000 O. & M. C. S. E.....b. c. 2
2,500 C. & P. 4th.... 95
4,000 C.C. & I.C. 1st. 100
2,000 C. & T. H. 1st. 104½
2,000 S. L. & I. M. 2d. 72½
1,000 T. & W. 1st, st. 100
L. div..... 63
2,000 P.,F.W.&C.1st. 106½
2,500 L. I. R. R. 1st. 90½
8,000 D.&H.R.b's'84. 104⅜
1,000 N.Y.C.6s,1883. 99⅝
2,000 do..... 99¼
1,000 A.D.LC.7s,b. c. 99
17 Park Bank..... 138
50 D. & H. Can...b. c. 117⅞
300 Mil. Coal Co...b. c. 13½
100 At. & P. Tel...b. c. 23¼
52 do..... 25
400 do..... 23½
200 do..... 23¾
50 do..... 25
2500 do..... 23½
200 do..... 23¾
100 do..... 26
200 do..... 26⅜
200 do..... 27
100 do..... 27⅛
100 do..... 27¼
100 do..... 27⅜
100 do..... 27
100 do..... 26⅞
300 Can. Pac...b. c. 83
1200 do.....b3. 83½
300 do.....b3. 83⅜
100 Pac. R. of Mo. b. c. 47
1100 do..... 48
600 do..... 48
200 do..... 47⅞
500 do..... 47½
500 do..... 47¾
1300 do..... 47⅝
50 N. Y. C. & H....c. 101⅜
100 do.....b3. 101⅜
1200 Pac. Mail..... 33½
450 do..... 33⅝
35 do..... 33¼
100 do..... 33⅜
500 do..... 33½
1300 do..... 33⅝
40 Del., Lack. & W. 108
200 Ohio & Miss..... 31⅞
825 Erie.....s3. 29¾
1200 do..... 29⅝
300 do..... 29¾
500 do.....c. 29⅝
500 do.....s3. 29⅜
300 do.....b3. 29½
400 do..... 29¾
1000 do..... 29⅝
40 do..... 29⅞

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$5,000 Tenn. 6s, new, ex coupon.. 52
15 At. & Pac. Tel.... 26
100 do.....b. c. 26⅜
100 do..... 26¾
500 Western Union... 76⅝
300 do.....s3. 76⅜
100 do.....s3. 76½
1300 do..... 76½
50 N. Y. C. & H....c. 101⅜
100 do.....b3. 101⅜
1200 Pac. Mail..... 33½
450 do..... 33⅝
35 do..... 33¼
100 do..... 33⅜
500 do..... 33½
1300 do..... 33⅝
40 Del., Lack. & W. 108
200 Ohio & Miss..... 31⅞
825 Erie.....s3. 29¾
1200 do..... 29⅝
300 do..... 29¾
500 do.....c. 29⅝
500 do.....s3. 29⅜
300 do.....b3. 29½
400 do..... 29¾
1000 do..... 29⅝
40 do..... 29⅞
100 At. & Pac. T...b. c. 26¼
1 U. S. Express..... 94
50 do..... 64½
150 do.....b. c. 65
500 do..... 64½
100 Adams Ex...b. c. 99¾
200 American Ex.b. c. 84
100 Un. Pacific...b. c. 37⅜
900 do..... 37¼
2400 Pac. Mail...b.c.b. 33½
2900 do.....s3. 33⅝
400 do..... 33¼
500 do.....s3. 33⅜
300 do.....s3. 76⅛
500 do.....s3. 76½
900 do.....s3. 76¾

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The only sale made at the Exchange yesterday, (Monday,) Jan. 11, was one by A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, who, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of Stephen J. Bidlack, Esq., Referee, sold the three-story and basement brown stone-front house, with lot 18 by 100.5, No. 304 East Fifty-first street, south side, 88.6 feet east of Second avenue, for $10,000, to Jacob Metzger.

The sale, by D. M. Seaman, of the Metropolitan Theatre lease was again adjourned to the 25th inst.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

To-day's sales at the Exchange are as follows:

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Maurice Leyne, Esq., Referee, of one three-story and basement stone-front house, with lot 17.1 by 58, on Prospect place, north-east corner of Forty-second street, and one similar house, with lot 16.8 by 58, on the same street, east side, 67.1 feet south of Forty-third street.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Stephen J. Bidlack, Esq., Referee, of one two-story and attic frame house, stable, and plot of land, in size 125.4 by 165 by 120 by 126, located on the King's Bridge road, north-west corner of Jeffers n avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward.

By James M. Miller, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, William S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of one lot 25 by 100.5, with improvement, on East Forty-seventh street, north side, 300 feet east of Second avenue. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. H. Wallis, Esq., Referee, of a lease of the five-story b ick building, with lot 15 by 130.2, on College place, north-west corner of Park place.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

For the week ending with Saturday, Jan. 9, plans for new buildings have been submitted and unsafe buildings reported at the department, No. 2 Fourth avenue, W. W. Adams, Superintendent, as follows:

New Buildings.

Johnson avenue, north side, 200 feet west of Westchester avenue, Spuyten Duyvel, a frame dwelling, two stories, 24 by 30; C. Gilchrist, owner.

Sixty-fourth street, north side, 200 feet west of Tenth avenue, a frame dwelling, three stories, 25 by 42; M. Sheridan, owner.

Fifty-seventh street, south side, 90 feet east of Fourth avenue, one brown-stone first-class dwelling, four stories, 16 by 60; Burns & Taylor, owners.

Fifty-seventh street, south side, 106.8 feet east of Fourth avenue, one brown-stone first-class dwelling, four stories, 16 by 60; Burns & Taylor, owners.

Fifty-seventh street, south side, 122 feet east of Fourth avenue, eight brown-stone first-class dwellings, each four stories, 20 by 55; Burns & Taylor, owners.

Fifty-seventh street, south side, 176 feet west of Lexington avenue, one brown-stone first-class dwelling, four stories, 16 by 60; Burns & Taylor, owners.

Fifty-seventh street, south side, 100 feet west of Lexington avenue, one brown-stone first-class dwelling, four stories, 16.6 by 60; Burns & Taylor, owners.

Fifty-fourth street, north side, 375 feet east of Seventh avenue, one brick and stone school-house, four stories, 100 by 95; Corporation of City of New-York, owners.

One Hundred and Twenty-second street, 100 feet west of First avenue, three brick tenements, each four stories, 25 by 54; Hargrave & Govers, owners.

Sixth avenue, east side, northern corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, twelve brown-stone first-class dwellings, each four stories, 16.6 by 60; Philip Teets, owner.

Downing street, No. 10, one brick store and tenement, five stories, 25 by 41; Eib Hay, owner.

Total estimated cost or erection, $334,000.

Unsafe Buildings.

Second avenue, Nos. 2,340 and 2,342, unsafe coping on party walls, also unsafe chimneys; Henry Eckstein, owner.

Rivington street, No. 314, unsafe front wall; John Kane, owner.

Broadway, No. 292, unsafe foundation and rear wall; A. Hemming, ay, owner.

Liberty street, No. 3, unsafe cornice and gutter; H. S. Ely, agent.

Liberty street, No. 5, unsafe cornice and chimney; Terence Farley, owner.

Liberty street, No. 7, unsafe cornice and front brick work; S. G. Quirk, lessee.

West Forty-third street, No. 455, unsafe brick work and arches; Mrs. Margaret Mcmillan, owner.

West Forty-third street, No. 472, unsafe westerly wall and rear chimney; F. B. Crosby, owner.

Leroy street, south-west corner of Bedford street, unsafe parapet wall and chimneys; Charles Voss, owner.

Ferry-house on West street, river front, from Cortlandt to Liberty street, on Piers Nos. 16 and 17 North river, building; the main support s thereof are rotten and broken, and the building consequently in unsafe condition; Pennsylvania Railroad Company, owners.

Buildings Reported per Unsafe Chimneys.

Third avenue, No. 261; John Heald, lessee.

West Twenty-seventh street, No. 425, estate of E. Cooper; C. B. Gliderslieve, executor.

Second avenue, No. 571; James Cavanagh, owner.

Broadway, No. 930; William Edelstein, owner.

Broadway, No. 928, William Edelstein, owner.

Franklin street, No. 4; Leggett, owner.

Bond street, No. 22; Thomas Newbold, owner.

Stanton street, Nos. 314 and 316; George C. Ersam, owner.

Norfolk street, Nos. 99 and 101; estate of Dr. Vermilye, owner.

Delancey street, No. 188; C. C. Pinckney, agent.

The Bureau of Inspection reports plans submitted for 31 new buildings, at an estimated cost of $634,000. Buildings proposed for alteration, 7, at an estimated cost of $32,050. Total estimated cost for erection of new buildings and alterations, $666,050. The new buildings include 12 first-class dwellings on Fifty-seventh street between Fourth and Lexington avenues, costing from $20,000 to $35,000 each, and 12 first-class dwellings on sixth avenue, commencing at north-east corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, costing $15,000 each; 1 school-house on Fifty-fourth street, near Seventh avenue, costing $75,000, and but two stables, costing $9,000 each. Special applications for frame and other structures, 14. The Bureau of Unsafe Buildings, Violations, and Applications, reports number of buildings surveyed, 733; reported unsafe, 20; made safe, 17; unsafe notices served, 33; violations of law reported, 25; violations removed, 14; violation notices served, 39; cases sent to attorney, 3. The Bureau of Iron Work and Fire-escapes reports 10 buildings as requiring fire-escapes, and 20 buildings as provided with fire escapes; fire-escape notices served, 91; 331 buildings heretofore provided with outside fire-escapes are reported as having undergone thorough inspection as to the condition and availability of the escapes there in case of fire, on 236 of which the fire escapes were found in good condition, and on 46 as more or less obstructed, rusted, and requiring painting or repairs; 138 buildings previously reported as requiring openings, repairs to escapes, or additional means of egress, ladders to scuttle-openings, &c., were re-examined, on 47 of which the requirements were reported as complied with; 20 fire-escape c ses were retired, and proceedings thereunder discontinued; 18 theatres, halls, and places of amusement, were inspected in reference to fire-guards, ventilation, means of egress, &c., in case of fire or accident, and in reference to section 29 of the building law; parties in interest duly notified of instructions thereof.

EXCHANGE SALES, MONDAY, JAN. 11.

NEW-YORK.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.

A three-story and basement brown-stone front house and lot, No. 304 East 51st st., s. s., 88.6 ft. e. of 2d av., lot 18x100.5.....$10,000

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Saturday, Jan. 9.

Broome st., n. s. (No. 402,) 25.3x75.3; W. F. Gilchrist, Executor to J. W. Gilchrist, to Lewis J. Wilkes.....$18,000

Ludlow st., e. s., 126.6 ft. s. of Hester st., 25.1 x87; Sophia Seelig, to Nathan Schaucupp, 2 part.....9,500

Mercer st., Nos. 9, 11, and 13, w. s., 56.9x100; A. C. Poppenhusen, to The India-rubber Comb Company.....170,000

Thompson st., n. w. s., 106 ft. s. w. of Broome st., 42.3x96; also, 400 ft. s. w. of Broome st., extends 44 ft. across rear of above two lots, to an alley which is 1 ft. s. w. from their s. w. boundary; D. Dougherty, J. Oakes, and J. Lawson, executors of Bridget Forrest and Edward Forrest Home, to John Lerscher.....14,000

26th st., s. s., 500 ft. w. of 6th av. 20.2x—18.3; Charlotte Eliza Shiers to P. Cheevers.... nom.

Same property; William Sindair, Referee, to Patrick Cheevers, foreclosure.....6,050

52d st., s. s., 182.5 ft. e. of 9th av., 17.7x100.5; Joanna, wife of N. Linkoln, to W. P. Tyson, ½ part.....4,150

53d st., s. s., 244.2 ft. w. of 8th av., 20.10x100.5; D. McDonald to Catharine Calder.....12,500

55th st., s. s., 147.6 ft. w. of Madison av., 22.6x100.5, foreclosure; J. Meeks to E. Oppenheimer 11,000

58th st., n. s., 180.5 ft. w. of Avenue A, 40x100.4; Ezra L. Bushnell to Michael Steiner.. 25,000

60th st., n. s., 205 ft. e. of 4th av., 20x100.5, foreclosure; E. D. Gale to P. C. Benuet.....20,100

73d st., s. s., 164 ft. w. of Avenue A, 25x102.2; Charles Huber to Frederick Wetter.....17,000

84th st., n. s., 310 ft. e. of 2d av., 20x102; Harriet V., wife of I. W. Thorne, to J. Gorton.... 8,000

106th st., n. s., 182.11 ft. e. of 3d av., 17.1x100.10; William P. Tyson to Joanna, wife of Morris Emlich.....5,150

119th st., n. s., 268 ft. e. of Avenue A, 20x100.10; G. Lawder to M. Putzel.....17,000

1st av., n. s., 340 ft. e. of 3d st., 40x100, Woodlawn Heights, Edward K. Willard and James Struthers; Elisha W. Vanderhoof to Abraham Stagg.....450

1st av., n. w. corner 39th st., 24.8x75; Jacob Voorhis, jr., to John Lynch.....25,000

6th av., s. e. corner 25d st., 79x 4; 25d st., s. s., 95 ft. e. of 6th av., 120x95x4; one suit, foreclosure; Edward D. Gale, Referee, to Oliver Ames.....85,000

8th av., e. s., 50.5 ft. s. of 50th st., 25x100; T. Wall to W. P. Tyson.....21,914

LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCE.

46th st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 8th av., 20x100.5; lease, &c., to N. Sautter.....$15,000

38th st., s. s., between 3d and 9th ave.; indemnity, W. P. Tyson to Lydia A. Gilmbreae.. 17,000

LEASES RECORDED.

Church st., No. 165, and Leonard st., No. 69, two floors and basements, 5 years; 2 years, per year, $2,000; 3 years, per year.....$7,000

South s., No. 665, 5 years, per year.....1,600

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—FOUR ELIGIBLE lots in the lower part of Twelfth Ward; streets curbed, guttered, and sewered; lightly encumbered; would take a medium-sized house in a good neighborhood (below 34th st. preferred) in exchange. Address EXCHANGE, Station D, New-York.

ELEGANT DWELLINGS CHEAP.—NOS. 7 West and 18 and 19 east 57th st; Nos. 41 West 54th, 10 East 55th, 1 East, 18 West 53d; No. 16 West 52d; 5th av., Nos. 5, 42, 469, 614, 675, 746, 751, 959. N. B.—Some decided bargains. V. K. STEVENSON, jr., Nos. 11 Pine st. and 31 East 17th st.

JOHN S. PIERCE, NO. 106 BROADWAY, has money to loan without bonus on approved City and near-by country real estate; also, to purchase, mortgages at lowest rates. Principals, apply with papers.

FOR SALE—THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP BROWN-stone house; all improvements; No. 169 Lexington av., between 30th and 31st sts. Apply to COUDERT BROTHERS, No. 49 Wall st.

TO EXCHANGE FOR BONDS OR OTHER Property.—Splendid lands in Nebraska, near railroad. Address LANDS, No. 7 Beekman st., P. Arnold.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone sts.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF NEW-ROCHELLE PROPERTY.—A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE will sell at auction, on Tuesday, 21st Jan., at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales Room, No. 111 Broadway:

The elegant and costly residence of Mr. J. V. D. Loomis, at New-Rochelle, situated within one-quarter of a mile of the depot, together with 11 1-10 acres of splendid ground, in lawn, garden, and meadow. The house is three stories, complete with comforts as a gentleman's residence, costly mantels, heavy French plate-glass windows, encaustic tiles, superior plumbing, steam apparatus, hot and cold water, all the requisites for a first-class estab lishment; large out-buildings, with cistern and well; about 200 fruit-trees on premises. Full particulars at No. 35 Pine st.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TWENTY-ONE MOST DESIRABLE PRIvate residences, belonging to the North American Life Insurance Company, rent per annum from $500 to $6,000, to lease for a term of years.

E. F. PAGE, No. 33 Park row, Manager.

TO LEASE—TO A RESPONSIBLE PARTY, PROPerty in the Village of Sing Sing, especially adapted for boarding-house and private livery business. Rent, $1,500 per year. Address B. AUSTIN, Box No. 77 Sing Sing.

RARE CHANCE.—A NEATLY-FURNISHED house; modern improvements; $50 per month, low at $75. Inquire at Feed Store, corner 3d av. and 105th st.

TO LET—WITH OR WITHOUT STEAM POWER, Nos. 188 and 190 West Houston st.; five stories and cellar, 50x290. Inquire on premises.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN TIMES BUILDING.

SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE-PROOF TIMES BUILDING.

Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

TO LET OR LEASE, THE SPACIOUS

Lofts of No. 341 Broadway.

Building formerly occupied by Paton & Co., with an L extension on Leonard st., with steam elevator and heating apparatus; immediate possession. Apply to HORACE S. ELY, No. 22 Pine st.

TO LET—SPACIOUS STORES AND BASEMENTS, Nos. 21, 23, and 25 Mercer st.; marble front building; each store about 38 by 100 feet; can be rented together or separately at reduced rate; possession at once. Apply to HORACE S. ELY, No. 2 Pine st.

TO LET.—A SPLENDID WINE, LIQUOR, AND lager-beer saloon; size 25x100 feet, together with a magnificent hall, size 50x100; best location in the City. Apply at Glass Hall, No. 214 East 34th st.

TO LET—SECOND AND THIRD LOFTS OF NO. 70 Green st.; size about 25x90 each; modern building. Apply to L. J. CARPENTER, No. 26 3d av., Bible-house.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE LOFTS TO LET ON Quay, Barclay, and Leonard sts., Broadway block. Inquire of J. & J. W. MEEKS, No. 30 Vesey st., room No. 6.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED TO HIRE FROM THE 1ST OF MAY, within thirty miles of City, near station, in village, a modern-built house containing all improvements, with large flower and vegetable garden and ample stable and carriage-house. Address, stating lowest rent to first-class tenant, A. W. LAWRENCE, Box No. 289 TIMES UP TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BOADWAY.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS B. RICH, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Messrs. James Buchan & Co., No. 190 Elizabeth street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 30th day of June, 1875.—Dated New-York, the 24th day of December, 1874.

MARIA RICH, Executrix.
JAMES BUCHAN,
JAMES RICH,
ROBERT C. BUCHAN, } Executors.

A. DE WITT BALDWIN, Proctor, No. 106 Broadway.
d9-1aw6mTu.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—PURSUANT TO the order of Herman V. Esselstyn, Surrogate of the County of Columbia, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against ALICE ANN SWARTWOUT, late of the town of Cle mont, in the County of Columbia, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, at the law office of G. Tillotson, Esq., No. 335 Broadway, New-York City, on or before the 10th day of June next.—Dated December 1, 1874. CHARLES H. TILLOTSON, Executor.
d8-1aw6mTu*

CLARKSON, MARGARET.—IN PURSUANCE of an order of Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARGARET CLARKSON, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of John Henry Livingston, No. 54 Pine street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 8th day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 7th day of December, 1874.

CLERMONT LIVINGSTON,
ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON, } Executors.
d8-1aw6mTu

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against EDWI HOYT, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of Butler, Stillman & Hubbard, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the eighth day of June, 1875.—Dated New-York, the eighth day of December, 1874.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN,
WM. ALLEN BUTLER, } Executors.
d8-1aw6mT

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM BARKLEY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 36 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of May next.—Dated New-York, the 30th day of November, 1874.

B. L. LUDINGTON,
Administrator, &c.
d1-1aw6mTu

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ANNA C. GIBBONS, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 142 Duane street, in the City of New-York, on or before the first day of June, 1875, next.—Dated New-York, the 23d day of November, 1874.

JAMES LYNCH,
Executor, &c., of Anna C. Gibbons, deceased.
n24-1aw6moTu

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CHARLES KOHLMANN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her residence, No. 18 First avenue, in the City of New-York, on or before the twelfth day of April next.—Dated, New-York, the twelfth day of October, 1874.

PHILLIPINA KOHLMANN, Executrix.
oc13-1aw6mTu*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against HIRAM V. MASON, late of the City of New York, Secretary, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at the office of Edgar M. Mason, No. 31 Park row, Room No. 20, in the City of New-York, on or before the 10th day of February, 1875.—Dated New-York, the 1st day of August, 1874.

ANN E. MASON, Administratrix
au4-1aw6mTu* of Hiram V. Mason, deceased.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS T. FERRIS, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her residence, No. 28 Lafayette place, in the City of New-York, on or before the third day of March, next.—Dated New-York, the 1st day of September, 1874. CATHARINE A. FERRIS,
s1-1z1wom Tu* Sole Acting Executrix.

PROPOSALS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITING,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this bureau until Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M. the 20th of January 1875, for the delivery of 50 tons of Manila Hemp, at the Charlestown Navy-yard, subject there to the usual inspection and Government tests.

Sample of the quality required can be seen at the commandant's office, at the said navy yard, where all information can be obtained.

The price of the Hemp offered must include its delivery at the navy-yard.

Two satisfactory securities must accompany the bid, guaranteeing a faithful execut.on of the offer, if accepted.

The bureau reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it is deemed best for the interests of the Government.

Any of the Hemp that is rejected is to be immediately removed from the navy-yard, otherwise will remain there at the bidder's risk until removed.

Envelopes must be m rked "Proposals for Hemp," and addressed to the undersigned.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS, Chief of Bureau.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING SHEDS on new Piers, Nos. 43 and 46 North River.—Sealed proposals for doing this work will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 11 o'clock A. M. of WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1875.

For full information see the *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

TWO STEAM PUMPS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Fire Department until 10 o'clock A. M., Jan. 13, 1875, for furnishing two steam pumps for use on steam fire propeller.

For particulars see the *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

MASON AND IRON WORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Department of Public Works until 12 o'clock noon, Jan. 13, 1875, for the MASON AND IRON WORK necessary for constructing a new roof on Tompkins Market.

For particulars see the *City Record*. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

3,000 BBLS. FLOUR.—PROPOSALS DEpartment of Public Charities and Correction, until Jan. 18, 1875. See *City Record*.

SAVINGS BANKS.

BOND STREET SAVINGS BANK.

Bond st. and Bowery.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1874.

TWENTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—The Trustees have directed that on and a ter MONDAY, Jan. 18, interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum be paid to all depositors entitled thereto.

Interest not withdrawn will be added to and will draw interest as principal. By order,

C. D. BAILEY, Treas. HARRISON HALL, Prest.

J. F. COOPER, Secretary.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 20, date interest from Jan. 1.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

Nos. 396 and 398 Canal st., corner Laight.

Open daily from 10 to 3, and Monday evenings 5 to 7.

Assets, Over Eleven Million Dollars.

Surplus, One Million Dollars.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.

Deposits on or before Jan. 18 bear interest from Jan. 1.

A dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum has been declared, payable on and after Jan. 18.

G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer. | N. J. HAINES, President.
T. S. ARMOUR, Secretary.

MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

NOS. 644 AND 646 BROADWAY, COR. BLEECKER ST.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1874.

Forty-eighth Semi-Annual Dividend.

The Trustees of this institution have declared the Forty-eighth Semi-Annual Dividend at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums remaining on deposit during the three or six months ending Jan. 1, 1875, payable on and after the third Monday of the month.

All dividends not withdrawn will receive interest the same as a deposit.

E. J. BROWN, President.
EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer.

C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK,

No. 78 6th av.

JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1875.

The Board of Trust ees have ordered that interest at the rate of Seven per Cent. per annum be paid to depositors on sums of Five Hundred Dollars and under, and at the rate of Six per Cent. on sums over that amount, agreeably with the provisions of the by-laws, and payable on and after MONDAY, the 18th of January. Interest not called for will be credited as principal.

Deposits will draw interest from the 1st of January, April, July, and October.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

B. F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.
C. C. LEBEAU, Treasurer.

JAMES BRYCE,
J. HASSEN RHOADES, } Secretaries.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS, Nos. 74 and 76 Wall st., have ordered that INTEREST be paid to depositors entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st ult., as follows:

On sums of $500 and under, at the rate of SIX PER CENT., per annum; and

On sums exceeding $500, at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum, payable on and after MONDAY, 18th inst.

The interest will be credited to depositors as principal.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1875.

JOHN H. BOYNTON, Secretary.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

No. 58 Bowery, south-west corner of Canal st.

1875 January interest, now payable.

Interest not withdrawn will be cre ited as an original deposit, and be entitled to interest from Jan. 1.

Present rate of interest, Six per cent. Deposits made now, or on or before Jan. 20, will draw interest from Jan. 1.

The bank is open every day for the reception and payment of money from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

Bank books in German, French, and English.

E. A. QUINTARD, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK, NOS. 1 AND 3 3D AV.,

Opposite Cooper Institute.

43D SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST.

The Trustees have ordered that INTEREST at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, to Jan. 1, 1875, be paid depositors in accordance with the provis ons of the by-laws; or, if not called for, it will draw interest from Jan. 1, the same as a deposit.

Deposits made on or ocfore Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
PHILIP W. ENGS,
A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, } Vice Presidents.
T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,

No. 374 6th av., corner 23d st.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1874.

ELEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

The Trustees of this Institution have declared the usual Semi-annual Dividend of Interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, payable on and after the third Monday in January, 1875.

Money deposited before Jan. 15 will draw interest from Jan. 1.

Interest commences on the 1st of each month.

Drafts on Ireland.

WM. BAINBRIDGE JAUDON, B. F. BEEKMAN, President.
Secretary.

INTEREST DIVIDEND.

THE EQUITABLE SAVINGS INSTITUTION, Corner SIXTH AV. and TWELFTH S., will pay, on the 20th of January next, an interest dividend, at the rate of SEVEN PER CENT. per annum, on all sums of $2,000, or less, which may be entitled thereto. Money deposited before the 20th of January will draw interest from the first.

JOHN E. DE WITT, President.
GEORGE C. WALDO, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

No. 283 Bowery, near Houston st.

INTEREST NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum has been declared, and will be credited depositors Jan. 1, 1875, on all sums entitled thereto for the six months and three months ending Dec. 31. Payable on and after the third MONDAY in January. Interest not called for will remain as a deposit, drawing interest from Jan. 1. Interest commences Jan. 1 on deposits made now.

ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
H. C. FISHER, Secretary.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SAVINGS BANK,

No. 166 Nassau st., (Sun Building,) New-York.

JANUARY INTEREST, 1875.—A Semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, will be paid on and after Jan. 21.

BANK OPEN from 10 to 3, and on MONDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock.

Books in German, French, and English.

CHARLES K. GRAHAM, President.
G. H. BENEDICT, Secretary.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

No. 237 Broadway, entrance on Park place.

Interest on depos ts entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on all sums of $5 and upward, will be paid on and after Jan. 18, 1875.

FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Actuary.

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK, THIRD AVENUE,

corner Twenty-third street. The usual semi-annual INTEREST at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum will be paid on and after JANUARY 20, on all sums entitled thereto on the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY. Money deposited on or before JANUARY 20, will draw interest FROM JANUARY 1.

FREDERICK OLMSTEAD, President.
CHARLES T. ROGERS, Secretary.

CLAIRMONT SAVINGS BANK, NO. 247

Greenwich st.—The Trustees of this bank have ordered that on and after Jan. 18, 1875, the regular semi-annual interest, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, be paid on all sums entitled thereto.

Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1. S. BROADWELL, President.
DAVID E. SWAN, Secretary.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 42D

st. and 8th av.—Interest Dividend.—Interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum for six months ending Jan. 10, 1875, will be paid depositors entitled thereto on and after MONDAY, Jan. 18.

JAMES F. CHAMBERLAIN, President.
JAMES E. SMITH, Secretary.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK.—8TH AV. AND

14th st.—Interest Six per Cent.; money deposited on or before Jan. 20, will draw interest from Jan. 1.

Assets.....$3,113,818 64 | Surplus.....$297,277 26

C. W. BRICKERHOFF, Secy. RICH. H. BULL, Pres.

FINANCIAL.

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE RAILROAD LAND AND GRANT BONDS OF THE LITTLE ROCK AND FORT SMITH RAILROAD COMPANY:

Notice is hereby given that a corporation has been organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas, by the name of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, which corporation has become vested under foreclosure sales with the title to the railroad, land grant, and all other properties formerly owned by the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company.

Pursuant to votes of the Directors of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, passed in accordance with the terms of the decrees of the United States Circuit Court foreclosing said sales, every holder of the railroad or land grant bonds of the old company, upon the transfer of his bonds and all rights under them, and his stock in the old company to the new company, will be entitled to receive fifty-five per cent. of the par value of his bonds, excluding coupons, in the stock of the new company, provided he shall at the time of such transfer pay five per cent. of the par value of his bonds, excluding coupons, within sixty days, from Dec. 19, 1874, in cash to the new company. For this five per cent, in cash and interest thereon, until July 1, 1875, each person will be entitled to receive the first mortgage bonds of the new company. The capital stock of the new company is $5,000,000, divided into shares of $100 each.

It is manifestly for the interest of every holder of the bonds of the old company to avail himself of this privilege within the time specified, for otherwise no will be remitted to his distributive share in the proceeds of the sales of the road and lands, which, after payment of expenses, will probably amount to less than one per cent. on the par value of each class of bonds.

The bonds will be received and stock issued at the office of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, No. 70 State st., Boston, Mass., on and after Monday, Jan. 4, 1875.

JOSEPH H. CONVERSE,
President Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER RECTOR ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1875.

NOTICE.—HOLDERS OF FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds of the ROCKFORD, ROCK ISLAND AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY are notified that the UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, as Trustee, is prepared to receive the bonds and cause the same to be proved in the foreclosure proceedings now pending, and to receive and account for the proportion of proceeds of foreclosure that may belong to said bonds. It is understood that owners are to bear all risks of custody and transportation and expenses incurred in forwarding bonds.

Union Trust Company of New-York, Trustee.
By EDWARD KING, President.

CITY RAILROAD AND GAS STOCKS

Bought and sold by
CHARLES OTIS, No. 47 Exchange place.
City Railroads a Specialty for eighteen years.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.

BANKERS,

16 and 18 Nassau st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, NEW-YORK CITY AND BROOKLYN BONDS.

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS, AND GOLD.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

WASH'N R. VERMILYE, DONALD MACKAY
JAS. A. TROWBRIDGE LATHAM A. FISH

THIRTY-FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

OF NEW-YORK.

JANUARY, 1875,

ASSETS.

Mortgages on real estate, at valuation of $15,381,575	$4,994,172 67
Loans on call (United States bonds collateral)	55,845 00
United States bonds, registered, (at par)	1,020,000 00
New-York City and County seven per cent. bonds, registered, (at par)	1,650,000 00
Brooklyn City seven per cent. bonds, (par)	750,000 00
Jersey City seven per cent. bonds, (par)	700,000 00
Rochester City seven per cent. bonds, (p r)	100,000 00
Stephentown seven per cent bonds, (par)	10,000 00
Banking-house, (cost)	125,560 00
Real estate, new location, Broadway, 32d st. and 6th av.	275,000 00
Deposits in banks and trust company	883,534 64
Cash in vault	75,217 12
Accrued interest and premium on investments, at market value	446,667 75
Total	$11,085,997 45

LIABILITIES.

Amount due depositors, principal	$9,798,597 91
Six months' interest, to Jan. 1, 1875	271,737 22—10,070,335 13
Surplus, or Guarantee Fund	**$1,015,662 32**

Amount of interest credited depositors last year, **$533,231 02.**

Total number of accounts opened to date, **100,664.**

Open daily from 10 to 3, and MONDAY EVENINGS from 5 to 7.

NOS. 396 AND 398 CANAL ST., CORNER LAIGHT.

OFFICERS:

NAPOLEON J. HAINES, President.
WM. S. WHITLOCK, JOHN C. JOHNSON, Vice Presidents.
GARDNER S. CHAPIN, THEO. S. ARMOUR, Treasurer. Secretary.

TRUSTEES:

NAPOLEON J. HAINES,	HIRAM H. NAZRO,
WM. S. WHITLOCK,	B. L. SOLOMON,
GARDNER S. CHAPIN,	JOHN H. V. ARNOLD,
JOHN CREIGHTON,	WM. H. L'CKE.
SILAS B. DUTCHER,	FRANCIS BONNEAU. Jr.,
WM. S. FOGG,	WILLIAM WAKE,
MALTBY G. LANE,	RICHARD M. NICHOLS,
AARON CLOSE,	FRANK G. GREEN,
SILLICK NICHOLS,	THOS. FLOYD JONES,
W. T. HEMMENWAY,	CLINTON E. BRUSH,
JOSEPH E. GEVIS,	EDWARD E. POSER,
JAMES BEVERIDGE,	J. H. JOHNSTON,
JOHN C. JOHNSON,	WM. LIVINGSTON,
GARRET E. WINANTS,	HENRY REEVE,
JOHN MACK,	CHARLES A. COLBY,
ALFRED B. DARLING,	WILLIAM C. MILLER,
ANDREW J. WOOD.	JOSEPH SMITH.

☞ Dividends declared semi-annually, in JANUARY and JULY, and credited to the credit of each depositor where the amount stands as a deposit, and, if not withdrawn, is entitled to interest, the same as a deposit of cash.

OFFICE OF WILCOX & GIBBS SEWING-MACHINE CO., No. 658 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK CITY, Dec. 30, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLders, for the election of seven Trustees for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company on the 15th day of January, 1875, at 11:30 A. M.

Prompt and full attendance of stockholders specially requested.

The stock transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 31 until Jan. 16, 1875. By order of the board.

J. PARMLY, Jr., Secretary.

CAUTION.—THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED promissory notes, drafts, and checks having been stolen, the public are hereby warned against negotiating them, as payment has been stopped: C. H. Cook, note Oct. 19, 1874, four months, indorsed F. A. Day and W. M. Con

DRY GOODS. DRY GOODS.

REDUCTIONS CONTINUED!

SILKS.—Our Standard Blacks will be sold at the present reduced prices only till FEB. 1. Evening Silks equally cheap.

DRESS GOODS.—Splendid inducements are offered to purchase Dress Goods, the reductions made in this Department being unusually large.

CLOAKS.—The balance of our Imported Garments are marked down fully one-third from former figures. Walking Jackets at reasonable prices.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.—Imported Embroidered Skirts (very handsome) at cost. Also, an extensive assortment of Ladies' fine Underwear at prices greatly reduced.

LINENS.—House-keeping Linens, Towels, Towelings, Table Cloths, with Doilies to match, Napkins, &c.—new in design and of recent importation.

DOMESTICS.—Sheetings and Shirtings, embracing the well-known fabrics, in all widths and qualities.

FLANNELS.—Stock large and prices low.

SHOES.—Ladies' Walking Shoes, an excellent article, $3. School Shoes for children equally cheap. Rubbers of the most approved styles.

THESE VERY LOW PRICES ARE OFFERED PREVIOUS TO OUR SEMI-ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING, AND WILL CONTINUE ONLY TO FEB. 1.

LORD & TAYLOR,

BROADWAY AND TWENTIETH STREET,
GRAND STREET AND CHRYSTIE, NEW-YORK.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

THE NEW UP-TOWN OFFICE OF THE TIMES.

THE TIMES has established a new Up-town Branch Office for the sale of papers, the reception of advertisements and subscriptions, and the transaction of any business in connection with the paper. It is located at

No. 1,257 Broadway, between 31st and 32d sts.,

and is open daily, Sundays included, from 4 A. M. to 9 P. M.

A FULL SUPPLY

Of carefully selected English, German, Irish, Scotch, and Swedish male and female servants now seeking situations at greatly reduced wages. Apply at CARPENTER'S Old Established Agency, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

AT PELTON & CO.'S, NO. 645 6TH AV., (formerly with Bedell), will be found a number of very desirable servants, well recommended, both Protestant and Cath lic, for City and country; also, waiters, coachmen, &c.

AT JACQUIN'S FRENCH, GERMAN, AND English Employment Office, No. 601 6th av., between 36th and 37th sts., families can obtain the best of servants.

AT SWEDISH SERVANTS' OFFICE, NO. 108 East 27th st., Swedish, German and French male and female help; all Protestants. Maurice Lindquist, (Swede,) proprietor.

A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRST-CLASS GERman servants, in every capacity, constantly found at Nos. 316 and 318 Bowery, entrance on Bleecker st. MRS. LOWE.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—COOK.—BY TWO Scotch Presbyterian women; would like to get positions together, one as chamber-maid and waitress, the other as cook; are willing to accept small salaries to be together. Call or two days at No. 329 3d av., between 24th and 25th sts.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A COMPETENT GIRL as first-class chamber-maid; understands her work thoroughly; is willing and obliging, neat and tidy, perfectly honest and industrious; can work in any situation in the line of house-work; would not mind a short distance in the country. Call at No. 20 Jane st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A Protestant young woman, who is an experienced chamber-maid and an excellent waitress; would like a place in a private family; can furnish the best of reference. Apply at Odell's Agency, No. 105 West 34th st., corner Broadway.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A PROTESTANT Swedish girl as chamber-maid and house-maid, laundress, or laundress and chamber-maid; is capable of filling either situation; has had no experience in City reference; lady to be seen. Apply at A. Pelton & Co.'s, No. 645 6th av.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A neat, tidy young girl, who is quick and orderly, and understands her duties in every branch; is also a good waitress; can care and clean silver, glass, &c.; has good reference from last place. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A COMPETENT GIRL as chamber-maid and waitress or chamber-maid and care of children; is a neat sewer; has eleven years' City reference. Call at No. 205 West 27th st. near 7th av.

CHAMBER-MAID AND LAUNDRESS.—BY a respectable girl; or as laundress; can give the best City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 242 3d av.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, to do chamber-work and fine washing; is a good laundress. Call at present employer's, No. 3 East 35th st.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A YOUNG GIRL, (Protestant), as chamber-maid and waitress. Call at No. 4 Dominick st.

COOK, &c.—BY A GERMAN WOMAN, WHO IS an experienced cook, washer, and ironer; or as working housekeeper to see to everything; for City or country; has a daughter about nine years old, smart and useful; very moderate wages if together; best references. Can be seen at the Protestant Home for Boys, No. 150 6th av., above 10th st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A German young woman, as good family cook; makes nice bread and biscuit, soups, &c., and an excellent laundress; can furnish good reference; wages $16. Apply at Odell's German Bureau, No. 109 West 34th st., corner of Broadway.

COOK.—BY A QUIET, WELL RECOMMENDED young woman, who is a good meat cook; also an excellent baker and pastry cook; will assist with the washing if required; no objection to the country; has best recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

COOK.—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT young woman; understands French and English cooking; meats, game, soups, pastries, creams, jellies, nice side dishes, very good bread, biscuit, and other baking; very best City testimonials. Call at Bookman's, No. 207 4th av., near 23d st.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG PROTESTant woman as first-class cook in a private family; understands French, English, and American cooking in all its branches; excellent City reference. Apply at Odell's, No. 540 4th av.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A thoroughly competent woman, who is a good plain cook; makes best soups, bread, biscuits, &c.; is also an excellent washer and ironer; has best City reference. Call at Carpenter's, 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

COOK.—BY A COMPETENT WOMAN AS GOOD thorough cook and baker; will assist in the washing or do the cooking, washing, and ironing of a small family; best City reference. Call at No. 203 West 37th st., near 7th av.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS GOOD cook and baker; would assist with the washing; is a good sewer; will be found useful; good City reference. Call or address C. G., No. 169 West 13th st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY a Danish girl, as first-class seamstress; cuts and fits; operates on any machine; will assist with children; some years' City references; speaks good English. Call at the Swedish Office, No. 108 East 27th st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A NEAT, ACTIVE YOUNG woman as chamber-maid and waitress,

PACIFIC MAIL.

THE WASHINGTON LOBBY BUSINESS THOROUGHLY EXPOSED.

MR. ABERT GIVES UP THE LIST OF THE MEN WHO GOT THE MONEY—STARTLING DISCLOSURES—HOW IRWIN HAD A SECRET SERVICE FORCE—WHAT THEY DID AND WHO THEY WERE—A SCANDALOUS EXPOSURE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Mr. Charles Abert, acting under the advice of Reverdy Johnson, and the order of the House, to-day disclosed the names of the persons to whom he had paid money by direction of Mr. Irwin, for procuring the Pacific Mail subsidy. He accounts for the disbursement of $106,500, and apparently all of this account is traced to its final destination in the hands of those who engaged in working for the subsidy. The disclosure is the most startling one that has been made in recent years concerning the ramifications and operations of the Washington lobby. Whatever may be said of Mr Abert's connection with the business, his course as a witness has been manly and honorable. In the first place he consulted Reverdy Johnson as to his right to disclose the names, and Johnson replied, giving the opinion that he could not legally nor morally disclose them. He was not satisfied, on reflection, that the statement of the case on which Mr. Johnson's opinion rested was applicable to himself, and on further consultation he decided that it was his duty, if pressed by the committee and ordered by the House, to reveal the names. He fortified himself in this position by reading an admirable paper on what he conceived to be the true obligations resting upon an attorney, and by citing a further opinion of Mr. Johnson, that he could not refuse to testify. His presentment to the House for contempt was only *pro forma*, in order to secure the order of the House which he desired. Mr. Abert was the first attorney who was engaged by Stockwell to procure a subsidy, and he undertook the work upon the basis that no other counsel should be employed, and that no buying of votes should be entered upon. He believed that such a presentation as he could make personally and properly as the attorney of the company to the committees of the House and Senate, would secure the passage of the bill. He did not engage the services of the persons to whom the payments were made, and had nothing to do with the transaction beyond disbursing the money under Mr. Irwin's direction. The list makes a remarkable disclosure, and reveals the bottom strata of the crowd who were engaged in advocating the subsidy. There were officers of the House who had been paid as spies upon the communications of the members, and who, as a part of their services, probably passed agents of the company upon the floor of the House, in violation of its rules and their duty. These were the members of the Detective or Secret Service Bureau, which Irwin seems to have organized under Ex-Postmaster General Randall, who were endeavoring to find out who were the persons who were operating against the subsidy, and in the interest of the New-York "Bears." There were a few prostitute journalists whose wares were purchased at the most exorbitant price. Twenty-five thousand dollars, for instance, was paid to Joseph MacFarland, who swears he delivered the entire amount to John W. Forney; there was a few high-toned lobbyists, such as James G. Berrit, who Abert has on his list for $7,000 for himself and S. Ward. Berrit was a former Mayor of Washington; was a large stockholder in the Washington *Patriot* in the palmy days of that journal, and is understood to be a candidate for the Clerkship of the next House. The S. Ward of the list gets expanded in the conversation of the street into Sam Ward. Mr. Abert remarked: "Mr. Ward I know by right, but do not know what his occupation is." Mr. Niblack, of the Committee, said: "Neither do I. That is a very grave question, Mr. Abert." Ward says he was to have $5,000, and is disgusted to learn that Berrit received $2,500 on another occasion, which he did not divide. Down Pratt is down for $5,00. Pratt has a letter from Irwin, which explains that this was a loan, and has the canceled note paid three months after receiving the money, and says he has witnesses to the repayment. Furthermore he opposed the subsidy. It is very unfortunate for Platt that he was loaned this money on the same day when the $106,000 were distributed for lobby purposes, and that instead of receiving it from Mr. Irwin himself, he was on the list with the names of the persons who, in the light of disclosures, may perhaps be called disreputable Ex-Postmaster General Randall, who is now dead, was paid $6,500 by Mr. Abert, and if he were alive to defend himself, it might be suggested that this was probably but a small portion of the whole sum paid him, because a subordinate detective, whose business it was to report to Mr. Randall, was paid $10,000. One of the remarkable features of this investigation has been the number of dead men into whose possession money has been traced, but no imputation that has been cast upon the dead has shocked the committee and the listeners to the testimony so much as the uncalled for statement of W. B. Shaw to-day that Mr. James Brooks, of the Ways and Means Committee, had often furnished him confidential information of its actions for the use of Henry Clews in stock speculations. Macfarland says Forney got the whole of the twenty-five thousand dollars. If that statement is correct everybody here thinks it was very mean of Col. Forney that he did not give some of it to "Mac." Several persons who have passed in Washington as "newspaper men" were implicated by Abert's testimony, and Gen. Butler took the opportunity to make a point against the want of virtue in the newspaper press, but Gen. Butler thinks it is unfair to denounce all the Congress because there are a few bad Congressmen.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND IN CONGRESS.

CONGRESSMEN STORM, RANDALL, AND PARKER AND THE OFFER OF $1,000 FOR A VOTE—EVIDENCE OF THE "AGENT" ELMORE—HE HAS A CONVENIENTLY IMPERFECT MEMORY—THE WITNESS ABERT REQUIRES TO BE ORDERED BY THE HOUSE BEFORE HE WILL TESTIFY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Ways and Means Committee continued the Pacific Mail investigation to-day, when John B. Storm, a member of Congress from Pennsylvania, appeared, and testified that Congressman Randall was mistaken in understanding him to say that he had been approached to influence his vote on the subsidy question. What he (Mr. Storm) told him two years ago was in general terms; that he knew of a member having been so approached. The facts were these: Witness was told about two years ago by Congressman Parker, of New-Hampshire, that while the vote was being taken on the subsidy amendment, and he was coming down stairs in the Capitol, a total stranger offered to give him $1,000 if he would go back to the gallery and not vote. He (Parker) remarked to witness that he ought to have knocked the scoundrel down the stairs. Witness voted against the subsidy.

TESTIMONY OF LYMAN ELMORE.

Lyman Elmore, of Brooklyn, testified: Is attorney at law. Has an office in William street, New-York, but is in Washington about half of each year attending to business before the departments for railroad companies and other clients. Has never done any business for the Pacific Mail Company. Was never employed by or received a dollar from them. Never advocated the Pacific Mail subsidy or any other. The witness, then, in response to questions, described his connection with the payment of the $50,000 in his office by Mr. Schumaker to Gen. Smith. Witness, while in Washington in May, 1872, was introduced by some person whom he does not now remember to a Gen. Smith, and met the latter occasionally, so that he had merely a casual acquaintance with him. One day Smith stopped him on the street and asked him if he knew the New-York attorney of the Pacific Mail Company? Witness replied he did not know who was the company's New-York attorney, but he knew almost all the lawyers in New-York. Smith said: "They are going to pay me some money; will you identify me?" Witness passed on and thought no more of the matter till three or four days afterward, when John G. Schumaker called at the office and said he had a check for $50,000 which the Pacific Mail Company had directed him to hand to Elmore, or to some one Elmore would indicate. Witness replied he must be mistaken, but then remembered and told Schumaker what this Gen. Smith had said a few days previously, whereupon Schumaker said, "that's the man," and exhibited the $50,000 check. Witness remarked: "You are not going to make payment in a check, are you?" and Schumaker then went out to get it cashed. Some afterward Gen. Smith came in and asked permission to wait in the office till Schumaker should return, which he did in about two hours, whereupon Elmore said to Schumaker: "This is the Gen. Smith who says you are to pay him some money."

Mr. Schumaker then handed to Gen. Smith a roll of bills, and left the office. Witness remarked jocularly to Gen. Smith, "Isn't that too much for a man to carry off," and Gen. Smith replied in the same vein, "I can't divide; I have to pay this out." Witness learned nothing more about the transaction, and left Washington a few days afterward.

The following Winter he was introduced by either Gen. Ingersoll or Congressman Conner, of Texas, to Gen. Morgan L. Smith, and, as he bore some resemblance to the Smith above referred to, witness supposed he was the same person, and remarked, "You seem to have changed your whiskers." Does not remember what reply was made. Witness at the time the $50,000 was paid knew nothing whatever of Gen. Smith's habits, associations, or history, but was now sure it was not Giles H. Smith, or "Baldy" Smith. Thinks it more than likely that the person was Morgan L. Smith. Had understood he was in the lobby, but, on the other hand, doubts whether it was Morgan L. Smith, for two reasons; first, because the latter, being a very liberal man, would not probably have made use of him and his office without offering something more than thanks; second, because when witness the year afterward became well acquainted with Morgan L. Smith, and indirectly referred to the occurrence in his office, Smith manifested no knowledge of it; witness once remarked to him, "I suppose we will both be brought into this investigation," whereat Smith expressed surprise, and said he could tell all he knew on the subject in a few minutes.

Witness advised Schumaker against payment by check, simply because he knew some people were timid about taking checks and preferred cash. He did not vouch for or identify Smith in the ordinary sense of the term, and was surprised that so little identification was deemed sufficient; supposes his office was made use of merely because he was known to the Pacific Mail Company as a New-York lawyer.

CONGRESSMAN PARKER'S TESTIMONY.

Hosea W. Parker, Congressman from New Hampshire, being sworn, testified that he never was approached by anybody on the subsidy question; did not remember exactly what he had said to Congressman Storm, but the latter must have misunderstood him. Witness had an indistinct recollection that when coming down the steps from the Ladies' Gallery, when the vote was being taken on the subsidy, he overheard some men talking at the foot of the stair-way, saying something to the effect that Congressmen, who did not want to vote for the subsidy need not vote at all.

Mr. Beck—Don't you think these men were talking at you? A.—Well, that may be; I don't know.

Witness was certain he was never approached by anybody in regard to his vote; and as a matter of fact, he was recorded as voting against the subsidy every time and all the way through.

Charles Abert reappeared and informed the committee that he still declined to answer until compelled to by order of the House.

The committee then adjourned.

THE WITNESS ABERT BEFORE THE HOUSE—HE OFFERS TO TELL EVERYTHING IF SO ORDERED—HE IS ORDERED AND THEN TAKEN BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—In the House to-day, Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, presented the case of another recusant witness in the Pacific Mail investigation, Charles Abert, who declined to answer certain questions on the plea of priviledged communication between attorney and client. He offered a resolution for the arrest of Mr. Abert and bringing him to the bar of the House for contempt.

The resolution was agreed to and Mr. Abert was almost immediately brought into the House in custody of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Speaker asked him whether he was ready to answer the questions of the committee?

Mr. Abert replied as follows:

"It is the course which I have pursued I did not intend or desire to place myself in contempt. I simply desired that, as to the questions which I hesitated to answer, and hesitated solely in consequence of the position in which my client has placed me, I might have the order of the House. On receiving an order of the House that I shall answer the questions, I am ready to answer."

The following was then put to Mr. Abert by the Speaker:

"Will you state to the committee the names of the persons to whom you distributed $106,500 of the money belonging to the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company at the direction of Mr. Irwin; also the name of the person who introduced these persons to you?"

Mr. Abert—I will on being so ordered by the House.

Mr. Abert was then taken before the Committee on Ways and Means.

MR. ABERT TELLS ALL HE KNOWS—GIVES THE LIST OF PERSONS TO WHOM HE PAID MONEY—$125,000 DISTRIBUTED AMONG NINETEEN MEN—$25,000 GOES TO COL. FORNEY, OF PHILADELPHIA—GENERAL EXPLANATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE COMPANY'S BOUNTY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Committee of Ways and Means met this afternoon directly after the order of the House, and examined Caarles Abert.

The Chairman asked: "To whom did you distribute the $106,500 belonging to the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, according to the direction of Irwin?"

Mr. Abert read a preliminary statement explanatory of his position, saying he found no reasons to prevent him from answering as he was agent or steward and acted according to Irwin's direction. If any money had been paid improperly it had been without direction from him. Reverdy Johnson gave him another opinion on Saturday, after a further explanation, to the effect that he (Mr. Abert) acted in a merely financial character, and not as counsel, and therefore he could answer the question as to whom he paid the money.

The following is the list of payments made by Mr. Abert, as stated by himself:

R. C. Parsons	$1,500	J. M. Morris	$1,500
H. G. Paul	11,000	Donn Piatt	5,000
A. W. Randall	6,500	Charles H. Sherrill	500
J. McFarland	25,000	William Moran	200
W. B. Shaw	10,000	Charles Abert	7,000
A. B. Corwine	3,10[illegible]	Chittenden	5,000
J. G. Berrett and Samuel Ward	7,000	J. G. Berrett	2,500
		Cormick	500
O. J. Averill	9,000	Ingram	5,000
John H. Hersey	11,000	John Boyd	4,500

making an aggregate disbursement of $120,800, between the dates of March 6 and September 6, 1872. The witness having been interrogated concerning the persons above-mentioned, said he did not know McFarland. Shaw, however, was known to the committee. [Laughter.] He only knew him by reputation as a newspaper correspondent. He did not know Corwine. Morris, now deceased, was connected with the *Daily Chronicle*, and published articles favoring the subsidy in his paper. He did know J. G. Berrett many years. He had also known Samuel Ward. Hersey was an assistant door-keeper or messenger of the House of Representatives. Did not know Averill. Donn Piatt is an editor here. John Boyd is an assistant doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, and witness was introduced to him by Hersey. Chittenden, he believes, was a lawyer. He could not tell who introduced Averill to him. He had nothing to do with Ward in these transactions. Moran was correspondent for a newspaper, and rendered newspaper services for the money he received; witness rendered no money from the company, but from Irwin. He took a receipt for the sums he paid, Irwin furnished him with the list of those who were to be paid the money.

M'FARLAND TELLS HOW THE MONEY WENT TO COL. FORNEY.

Joseph McFarland at this point appeared near the table. The witness thought the McFarland to whom he gave the $25,000 was a larger-sized man than this gentleman. [Laughter.]

McFarland was then sworn. He stated his business to be a newspaper correspondent. Abert paid him $25,000, which he carried to Col. John W. Forney, who had deputed the witness to receive it for him. Witness received no portion of the money; never heard the Colonel state what he did with it. Witness came from Irwin's house the same day and handed the money to Forney.

J. C. G. Kennedy testified to the fact that he identified Mr. Schumaker to Riggs' bank so he might draw $50,000, the sum which was handed to Morgan L. Smith.

WHAT BOYD DID FOR HIS MONEY.

John Boyd, Assistant Door-keeper, having been sworn, was asked what services he rendered Irwin that he should be the recipient of the money? Witness replied Irwin wanted some pamphlets and papers to reach the hands of certain members, and asked him to deliver them. Col. Bee came to witness and said no subsidy should pass Congress; therefore Irwin wanted to see that his friends were in the House, and witness thought that he did so; Irwin never promised to give him money pending the bill in the House; there was no arrangement between him and witness, and the latter never mentioned money to Irwin; the money was a gratuity; witness did not solicit any member of Congress to vote for the bill; never asked the support of any member; was in the habit of distributing documents; retained the money received; Irwin was in the habit of calling members out; this occurred every day with persons having business with the House. Witness repeated that the money was a gratuity; did not expect to receive money from anybody; was not in the habit of receiving such large gratuities. He had received in anonymous letters various small sums, five or ten dollars, occasionally.

MR. HERSEY EXPLAINS—HE HAD BEEN "ATTENTIVE AND COURTEOUS."

John D. Hersey was sworn, and testified: Was a messenger in the Forty-second Congress, and received from Abert $11,000. He had been attentive and courteous to Irwin, and brought him around to the House; Col. Bee came here opposing the subsidy; Irwin or somebody else asked witness to take notice of persons with whom Bee conversed, which he did; Abert asked witness to come to his room, where he received the money. He retained all of it. There was no other thing in relation to the bill or to anybody else. Witness knew Abert previous to receiving the money. Witness had frequently received fifty or one hundred dollars for like services. He did not speak to any member on the subject of the subsidy. The money was unexpected, and therefore proved an agreeable surprise. It was paid in currency. He thought in bills of the denomination of $1'000. Witness was now a messenger of the House of Representatives.

MR. AVERILL, WHO HAS AN EXCAVATOR.

O. J. Averill sworn and testified: He was in Washington during a portion of the Forty-second Congress. He came here to introduce an excavator, which, he thought, would be useful, (laughter,) and also a machine for making brick. He did not know he received the money from Abert, but it was in Irwin's room. A gentleman there said Irwin had just gone and handed him the money; he made an arrangement with Irwin by which he was to receive $10'000; Stockwell wrote a letter to Irwin, saying witness was a good man for such work as Irwin wanted to be done; Irwin said that, in view of that fact, he had sent Abert to the witness with a card; Irwin remarked Stockwell and himself learned there was going here to defeat the subsidy, and they wanted to counteract such proceeding, and desired witness to help them to do so. Irwin said A. W. Randall formerly Postmaster General, now deceased, had the matter in charge. Witness, after making an engagement with Irwin, put himself in every possible condition to know what was going on. He talked to parties at the Capitol, and at the hotels in a private way. It was merely a question as to which had the most money. The witness reported to Mr. Randall such information as he received. He made his communications to Mr. Randall in memoranda. He would tell Mr. Randall who were opposing the subsidy, and Mr. Randall would then see such parties. Money seemed to be in the air. Everybody was talking about it. He reported to Mr. Randall as many as forty times. Witness did not know why he received more money than Randall. He understood Randal was authorized to deal with the parties opposing the subsidy, and get them out of the way. Randall silenced their efforts. Witness never spoke to a member of Congress or an officer, except in an inquiring way, as to the prospects of the bill. He was never asked to do so. He retained the money for his own use.

MR. SHAW'S EXPLANATION—WHAT HE DID FOR HIS MONEY.

William B. Shaw was sworn, and testified he had been for twenty-three or twenty-four years a newspaper correspondent; his residence was in Washington; knew Abert very well; saw Abert the first session of the Forty-second Congress, and Abert paid him the money; could not say the exact time, but it was in Irwin's room; the $15,000 were for his services, etc. He would state how he became connected with this subject. He was in New-York in October or November prior to the meeting of Congress. Went to Henry Clews' office. Had been in the habit of furnishing information to Mr. Clews, and for ten years had been operating in stocks and gold. Mr. Clews always giving him commissions. He said to Mr. Clews he understood the Pacific Mail Steamship Company was going to renew the application for a subsidy. Mr. Clews replied he would be apt to know, because he was a Director. Witness said he was glad to know it, because if the Postmaster General recommended it there would be a good chance of going in and buying stock. Mr. Clews said he had not time to repeat the conversation to Mr. Stockwell, and that witness wanted some of the stock carried for him. Mr. Clews saw Mr. Stockwell, and informed witness he could communicate with him. Witness asked Mr. Stockwell to buy stock for him. Mr. Stockwell replied that he had already given directions to that effect—several hundred shares at that, worth 48 or 50. Mr. Clews said Mr. Irwin would have charge of the business, and witness could communicate with Mr. Irwin, whom he knew as a clerk in the War Department. Witness accordingly called on Mr. Irwin, who said: "All right, keep me posted as well as you did when I was in New York and it will be you or compensation." Witness frequently communicated with Mr. Irwin and told him all he knew. Somebody told him to go to Mr. Abert, who paid him the $15,000. He asked no questions. With this money he paid his debts and losses on stocks in other directions. He had lost outside on his own book. No sum was agreed upon beforehand. Witness gave Abert a receipt for the whole amount. Did not pay a dollar to any member or officer of the House. There was no arrangement that he should disburse the money. He had never carried stocks for any member. He was never asked to influence members. He had, however, asked members how they thought the thing was going, because the facts were interesting to himself; he had asked men of prominence. How does it look? As an original principle he was in favor of all subsidies, as he might make purchases and realize a good deal of money; he gave to parties interested in procuring the subsidy what they regarded as very important information. The witness, after relating that there was a large bear movement headed by Daniel Drew, was asked whether he knew of the payment of any money to influence any member or officer of the House, to which question he replied, "Not a dollar." He further replied that he obtained information from the committees of both houses. The general current was running in the direction of subsidy, and he kept his friends well posted. Witness was asked whether that was the practice with his profession, when he replied that he did not know, but he had been going to for twelve years with Clews & Co., who paid him in money or by carrying stock for him. He would telegraph his bosses to buy or sell gold on the information sent. He considered the information worth all he could get. He repeated that he did not labor with any member to procure the subsidy.

The committee adjourned till to-morrow morning.

REGARDING MR. DONN PIATT.

The money paid Donn Piatt, as sworn to by Charles Abert, Irwin says had nothing whatever to do with the Pacific Mail subsidy; that Piatt fought the subsidy from first to last in person and in his paper, but he and Irwin were old friends, and after the subsidy was granted he loaned Piatt the money, ($5,000,) which he has since been repaid. The letter from Irwin stating these facts, dated Dec. 23, 1874, regrets that, in sending the money to Piatt through Charles Abert, he put his friend in this awkward connection, as the transaction had no reference to the subsidy.

PACIFIC MAIL ACCOUNTS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have not the time nor the inclination to answer every self-appointed mentor who fancies he has discovered some error in my statement, and do not propose to take up any more of your valuable space or time, except to convince "Another Stockholder," who appears in an evening paper of Saturday last, that "the bungle in making estimates," which he so kindly accords to me, belongs entirely to himself. If he is the stockholder I take him to be, he must have known as well when he wrote the article as he does now when I inform him, that the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, on their books, consider a dollar as a dollar whether it be in gold or currency, and, like all large concerns, keep both a gold and a currency account at their bank, and therefore, having $16,000 in gold and $1,000 in currency, they had $17,000 in money.

I do not need "any person familiar with exchange" to tell me the value of a pound sterling in currency, but as bills payable in London are usually settled in gold at the current rate of exchange, he is straining a point to request the currency value. As a matter of convenience, (which he probably well knows,) the practice has been to compute on sterling calculations at $5 to the pound; and the differences are adjusted by exchange account, when the accounts are rendered. So much for that part of "my strange estimate."

In his next sentence he either willfully or willingly shows his own ignorance in calculation. He says "he does not even calculate correctly," for in the Roach payments he takes from Dec. 28, 1874, to July 28, 1875, as eight months. It seems to me to be only seven months. Wouldn't eight months from Dec. 28 to Aug. 28? It is rather ridiculous than otherwise to see what an effort he has to make to point out my errors. My statement distinctly says that the company owed John Roach on Dec. 28, 1874, $75,000, which was not paid at the time the statement was dated and was, therefore, payable in January, 1875. That they will owe him $75,000 on the 28th of each following month to July 28, 1875, inclusive, making eight payments, amounting to $600,000, is a fact so well known to every one that I shall simply have to ask "Another Stockholder" to be careful where he throws stones, when he accuses others of incorrectness in calculation.

Exactly what he means by his last and crowning effort I do not quite understand: "Taking his own side—the liability side—he only counts until the 1st of May, which is four months, yet he calls the whole thing an 'eight months' estimate.'" The only item having anything to do with the 1st May is "rent of office in Wall street," and as the company propose to remove to their offices on the pier about that time, no estimate was made bevond that date.

I was liberal enough in the eight months' estimate to leave out all running expenses of the steamers of the Atlantic Line and all general expenses; otherwise the amount of liabilities would have been largely increased. I can hardly imagine "Another Stockholder" has reference to those items. Whatever his meaning may be, I beg to say to him that, as a stockholder, he could have been enlightened as to all the "strange estimates" and terrible errors he has unearthed by application to the book-keeper of the company without being obliged to show his ignorance as such in public print.

With many thanks, Mr. Editor, for allowing me to use so much of your space for so trifling a matter.

C. C. N.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 11, 1875.

THE PACIFIC MAIL INVESTIGATION.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

If, in the excitement of Louisiana, the Pacific Mail investigation has not been lost sight of, it would be interesting to learn why the Congressional Committee do not call the following witnesses: Samuel A. Hatch, of St. Louis; William Moran, of Philadelphia; H. B. Laidlaw, of New-York, to prove receipt by Schumaker of $25,000, through Bank of California, about the middle of June, 1872; Frederick A. Sawyer, of Charleston, S. C., to prove receipt, through same source, of $5,000 in the Fall of 1872—Laidlaw also witness to same. The committee seem determined to earn a reputation for vigor by putting Mr. Irwin in jail. Why do they not examine the books of the Sergeant at Arms? The resolution for Mr. Irwin's imprisonment, for the first time in the history of this Government, contains no provision for his release. It seems to me that Mr. Irwin never has had any objection to their ascertaining the facts, but that his conscientious objection has been to their extorting the names from him when they were accessible from other sources. In my judgment it is altogether likely that after Mr. Abert shall have testified, Col. Irwin will be ready to testify if the House shall permit him. If this committee want names let them go to the books of the Sergeant at Arms. I am, dear Sir, yours, very respectfully,

A. C.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 1875.

THE PACIFIC MAIL RIDDLE.

ANOTHER MEETING OF THE BOARD—RUSSELL SAGE RE-ELECTED DIRECTOR—ALSO A BROTHER OF MR. HATCH ADDED—RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT ALEXANDRE, MESSRS. GUION, AND TALCOTT.

The Board of Directors of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company had a very stormy meeting yesterday afternoon. There was a full attendance, including Mr. Rufus Hatch, President Alexandre, Mr. William H. Guion Mr. Talcott, Mr. T. W. Park, and others. After the usual business had been transacted, the question of filling the vacancy in the board, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. W. F. Fogg was considered, and the name of Mr. Albert Hatch, brother to the Managing Director, was suggested. Mr. Hatch's friends were in the majority, and he was at length declared duly elected.

Mr. Trenor W. Park, who is also Vice President of the Panama Railroad Company, had previously sent in his resignation as Director, in accordance with a resolution passed a few weeks ago to the effect that officers of the Panama Railroad who held office in the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company be requested to resign one or the other position. Mr. Park's resignation was accepted, and Mr. Rufus Hatch nominated Mr. Russell Safe to the vacancy. Mr. Safe was elected. President Alexandre and Directors Guion and Talcott immediately wrote out and handed in their resignations, but meantime the board had been adjourned, and these will have to await another meeting for action.

A reporter of THE TIMES subsequently secured a short interview with Mr. Hatch, who confirmed the report of the election of his brother and the man whom they called a thief and threatened with State Prison less than a fortnight ago, but he refused to admit the fact that Messrs. Alexandre, Guion, and Talcott had resigned. His brother, he said, was a large stockholder, and there was, therefore, nothing extraordinary in his appointment. "As for Mr. Sage," he added, "you can say that I nominated Mr. Sage myself."

"Then your little difficulty with him has been satisfactorily settled?" was suggested. Mr. Hatch shrugged his shoulders, but made no reply. He refused to be responsible for any explanation of the mystery, further than to say that what was intended from the beginning had been carried out, and that the company would now go on smoothly.

Mr. William H. Guion admitted the resignation of himself and Messrs. Alexandre and Talcott. They had taken that course, he said, because they could not condemn the inconsistency of the board in the election of Mr. Sage.

"Is there any probability that you may reconsider your resignation before the next meeting of the board?" asked the reporter. "None, so far as I am concerned," answered Mr. Guion with emphasis. Messrs. Alexandre and Talcott were equally determined.

The news, in the shape of a multitude of varying and ill-defined rumors, created intense excitement on the street, and Pacific Mail stock, which had been going up and had reached 35¾, fell rapidly to 34¼, closing at the lowest prices of the day, on the certainty that the company had once more become a prey to the ruling of the old gambling clique. The result of the meeting was generally regarded as a compromise, based on the knowledge of each other's peccadilloes in the possession of Messrs. Hatch and Sage.

It is stated that Mr. Rufus Hatch made a proposition to a gentleman of this City to the effect that the latter should charge the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company $100,000 per year for doing its stevedoring here and elsewhere, and give him (Hatch) $50,000 per year for his influence in securing the contract. The proposition was rejected. This is but one of Mr. Hatch's many schemes for feathering his nest at the expense of the stockholders of the corporation of which he is the Managing Director.

RUFUS HATCH SUED FOR SLANDER.

Tracy Robinson, formerly an agent of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company at Panama has brought suit to recover damages for slander alleged to have been uttered against him by Rufus Hatch. The alleged slander is that the defendant Hatch had stated to divers persons that the plaintiff Robinson was a defaulter to the company to the extent of over $100'000. The case came up yesterday, before Judge Donohue, in Supreme Court, Chambers, on a motion to strike out portions of defendant's answer, as being no defense to the action. The defense set up is, that the defendant, being President and Director of the Panama Railroad, sent an agent to investigate the accounts of plaintiff, and that agent had reported a deficiency in plaintiff's accounts to the extent of $100,000 or over; that he mentioned this fact only to parties interested in the road, and who had a right to the information; that there is a civil suit now pending to recover the alleged deficiency, and that he (defendant) believes what he said to be true. The motion is made to strike out the allegation that the alleged libelous words were spoken to persons interested in the road, on the ground that it is not alleged that it was a privileged communication; to strike out the allegation that what defendant said was true, because it does not state what he refers to as "what he said."

THE HARDEN ESTATE CASE SETTLED.

The long-litigated Harden estate case, in which the blood relations of George Harden and a woman claiming to be his widow have, under the respective leadership of Mr. John E. Burrill and Ex-Judge John K. Porter, waged a bitter legal contest over the estate of the deceased, valued at not less than $1,000,000, has finally been terminated by a settlement satisfactory to all the parties. The details of the settlement are to be hereafter arranged.

VIOLATING THE EXCISE LAW.

Bernard Oldman, of No. 153 Chatham street; Peter Johnson, No. 135 Chatham street; Albert Ling, No. 153 Chatham street; Catharine Bergen, No. 135 Chatham street, and Nicholas Burden, No. 191 Chatham street, gave $300 bail each yesterday, before Justice Kilbreth, at the Tombs, to answer charges of having kept their liquor saloons open on Sunday last.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS.

THE LAW PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CAUSES TO THE MARINE COURT SUSTAINED.

The Legislature of 1874 passed an act providing for the removal of causes pending in other courts to the Marine Court, which is in language as follows: "Any other court of record may, in its discretion, by an order to be entered on its minutes after the joining of issue, send any action pending therein, or that may hereafter be brought therein, to the said Marine Court for trial; and a certified copy of such order shall be delivered to, and filed with, the Clerk of said Marine Court, and be entered by him on its minutes, and thereupon the said Marine Court shall have immediate and exclusive jurisdiction of such action, as full and comprehensive in that particular as that of the court whence the same proceeds." Under this act a case for the recovery of money was removed from the Superior to the Marine Court by an order of Judge Freedman. From this order an appeal was taken to the General Term, and there twice argued, once before the ordinary General Term of three Judges, and a second time, by order of the court, before a full bench, excepting Judge Freedman, by whom the order appealed from had been made. On both occasions Mr. Matthew P. Breen appeared to argue in favor of the constitutionality of the act authorizing the removal of the cause, and Mr. Algernon S. Sullivan opposed.

The court has now rendered a decision holding the act to be constitutional and valid, Chief Justice Monell writing the opinion of the court, and Judge Sedgwick writing a dissenting opinion. In the opinion of the court, Chief Justice Monell, sustained by Judges Curtis and Van Vorst, holds that the order made by Judge Freedman is one in the discretion of the Judge making it, but as it affects no substantial right, is not appealable; that the act under which it was made is not unconstitutional, inasmuch as it adds to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court as provided by the Constitution, instead of diminishing it, as prohibited by the same instrument; that this case will not be a precedent for any other similar motion, and, while the court recognizes the competency of the Legislature to give it this new and increased power, it will exercise it sparingly, and only in furtherance of justice.

Judge Sedgwick, sustained by Judge Speir, dissents from this view of the majority of the Judges, and in his opinion holds that the act does operate to decrease the constitutional jurisdiction of the court by authorizing the transfer of causes over which it had jurisdiction under the Constitution to the exclusive jurisdiction of another court; that the Constitution "forbids the Superior Court, in the same terms it forbids the Legislature, lessening the power of the court."

THE CHARGES AGAINST THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Hon. E. Delafield Smith is preparing his answer to Mayor Wickham's charges. It will be ready in a day or two. But he is doing the work alone and, as he said to a TIMES reporter yesterday, "it is not true that any man on earth is assisting" him. This Mr. Smith wished to be emphatically stated, because a morning paper yesterday announced that Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. Andrews, James M. Smith, John Strahan, G. T. Curtis, and John K. Porter were assisting Mr. Smith to prepare his answer. Mr. George P. Andrews denied the truth of the assertion, and remarked that the reported probable resignation of Mr. Smith was absurdly false, and had no foundation whatever. Indeed it was more than unlikely.

Mr. Smith was busy all day yesterday at his residence working at his defense. A TIMES reporter called on him and learned that the gentlemen mentioned above he had not seen since he began this work, and it was not his intention to see them. He was finishing his defense, which would be a long document, replying to all the charges contained in the Mayor's letter. The document would not be completed until to-day at any rate, and, of course, none of its points can be made public before it is served on Mr. Wickham.

THE ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the New-York Orthopedic Hospital was held yesterday at 4 P. M., in their new building, No. 126 East Fifty-ninth street. The reports presented showed that during the past year the number of applicants for treatment was 224, of which 170 came under treatment, an increase of 54 over the preceding year. There are now under treatment 456 patients. About 3,214 patients have called at the dispensary the past year, the doctors visiting outside 980. No deaths reported in the institution during the year. The hospital, which is in need of funds, will have to depend during the present year upon voluntary subscriptions. The Treasurer reported expenses for hospital and dispensary, $9,000; cash on hand, $1,652 54; last year received from the State, $2,500. The following officers were elected: President, James Brown; Vice President, Robert L. Kennedy; Secretary, Howard Potter; Treasurer, Theodore Roosevelt; Surgeons, C. F. Taylor, N. N. Shaffer; Assistant Surgeons, G. B. Packard, F. C. Lund; Consulting Surgeons, Willard Parker, William H. Van Buren, C. R. Agnew, J. T. Metcalf, E. Krackowitzer. Among those present at the meeting were Robert S. Newton, Howard Potter, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Fayette Taylor, Robert Winthrop, Charles C. Robbins, Eugene Delano, F. M. L. Chrystie.

JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE CITY.

In Supreme Court, Circuit, yesterday, before Judge Lawrence and a jury, eight judgments were obtained against the City for awards for street openings, the amount aggregating $59,891 12. The defense set up on behalf of the City was that the bill of costs, as taxed, was in excess of the amount allowed by the statute, (thirty cents the lineal foot;) that, to the extent of the excess, the taxation was void, and the claims in suit were proportionately void. Messrs. Allison and Shaw, who appeared for plaintiffs in all the suits, not only denied, as matter of fact, that the charges, as taxed by the court, were in excess of the statutory limit, but insisted, as matter of law, that the order of the court taxing costs, when not appealed from, was final, and a bar to any defense of the character interposed on behalf of the City. The court held to this interpretation of the law, and ordered a verdict in favor of plaintiff in each case. The parties and amounts are respectively as follows: Connolly, opening of Ninety-fifth street, $3,387 13; Toone, same street, $4,163 17; Breslin, $4,706 98; Hart, (two suits,) $23,789 46 and $4,096 60; Moore, $3,201 10 and $3,300 35; Fowler, $6,876 33. Execution was stayed by the court in all the cases until a case involving the same question, now before the General Term, is decided.

THE KINGS COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

Supervisor James Howell, Jr., Chairman of the Kings County Board of Supervisors, yesterday announced as follows the standing committees for the ensuing year:

On Finance—Messrs. Shipman, Strong, Black, Ropes, O'Reilly, Fisher, Kane.

On Supplies—Messrs. McIntyre, Kenna, Fisher, Kane, French, Williamson, Petry.

On Accounts of Commissioners of Charities—Messrs. Dobbin, Kenna, Ropes, Dwyer, Fry, Brown, Zindel.

On Accounts of County Treasurer—Messrs. Donovan, Platt, McKinny, Fisher, Hallwell, Smith.

On Accounts of United States Deposit Fund—Messrs. Shipman, Clark, Ray, Clancy, Petry, Williamson, Hill.

On Court-house—Messrs. O'Reilly, Dwyer, Rowley, Dobbin, Ryder, Gardner, Parker.

On Penitentiary—Messrs. Clancy, O'Connell, French, Brown, Snyder, McKinny, Hill.

On Jail—Messrs. Stillwell, Shipman, Ryder, Connolly, Donovan, Hill, Gubner.

On Leases and Applications to the Legislature—Messrs. Bergen, Strong, Gardner, Kenna, Black, Platt, Fry.

On Salaries—Messrs. Connolly, Clark, Trowbridge, Balderson, Acker, Vaughan, Smith.

On Military Affairs—Messrs. Platt, Gubner, French, Gardner, Trowbridge, O'Connell, Petry.

On Printing and Stationery—Messrs. Vaughan, O'Reilly, Snyder, McIntyre, Parker, Dobbin, Smith.

On Jurors—Messrs. O'Connell, Donovan, Ray, Balderson, Zindel, Vaughan, Van Sicklen.

On Equalization of Assessment Rolls—Messrs. Brown, Dwyer, Acker, Williamson, Van Sicklen, Gubner, Fry.

On General Taxes—Messrs. Dwyer, Black, Zindel, Kane, Snyder, McIntyre, Parker.

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